

FOR THE

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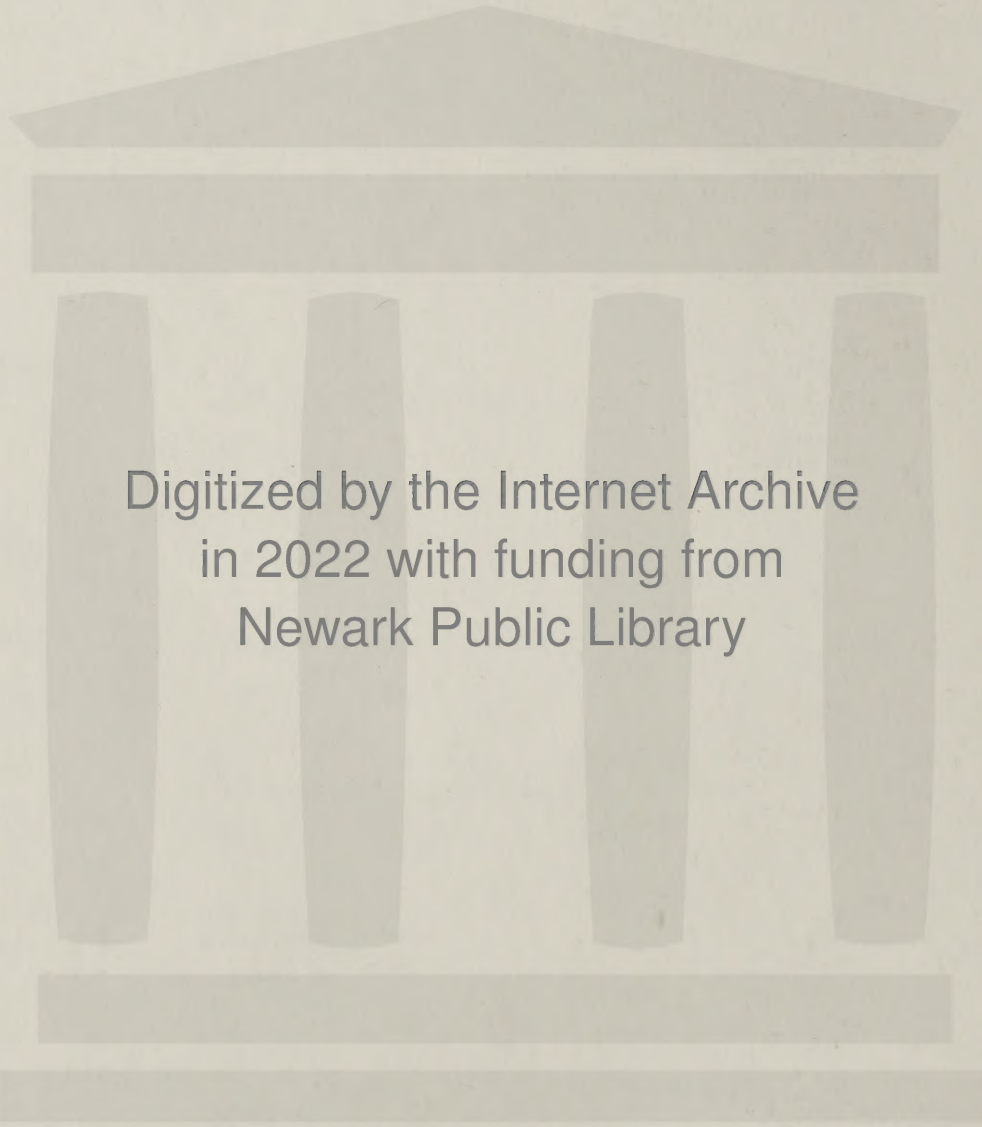
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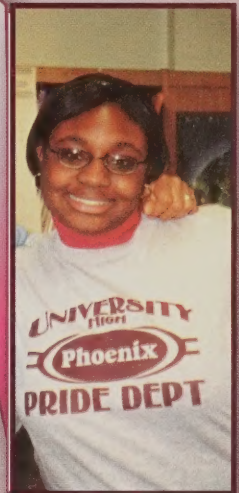
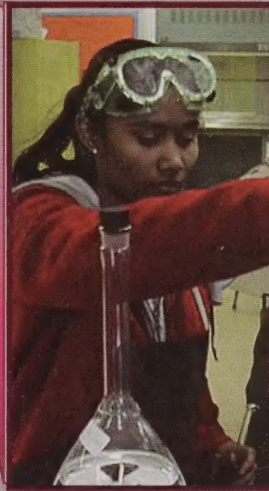
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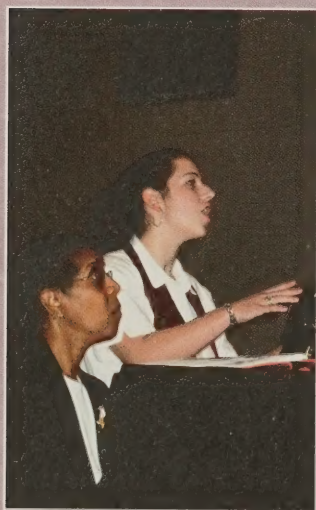


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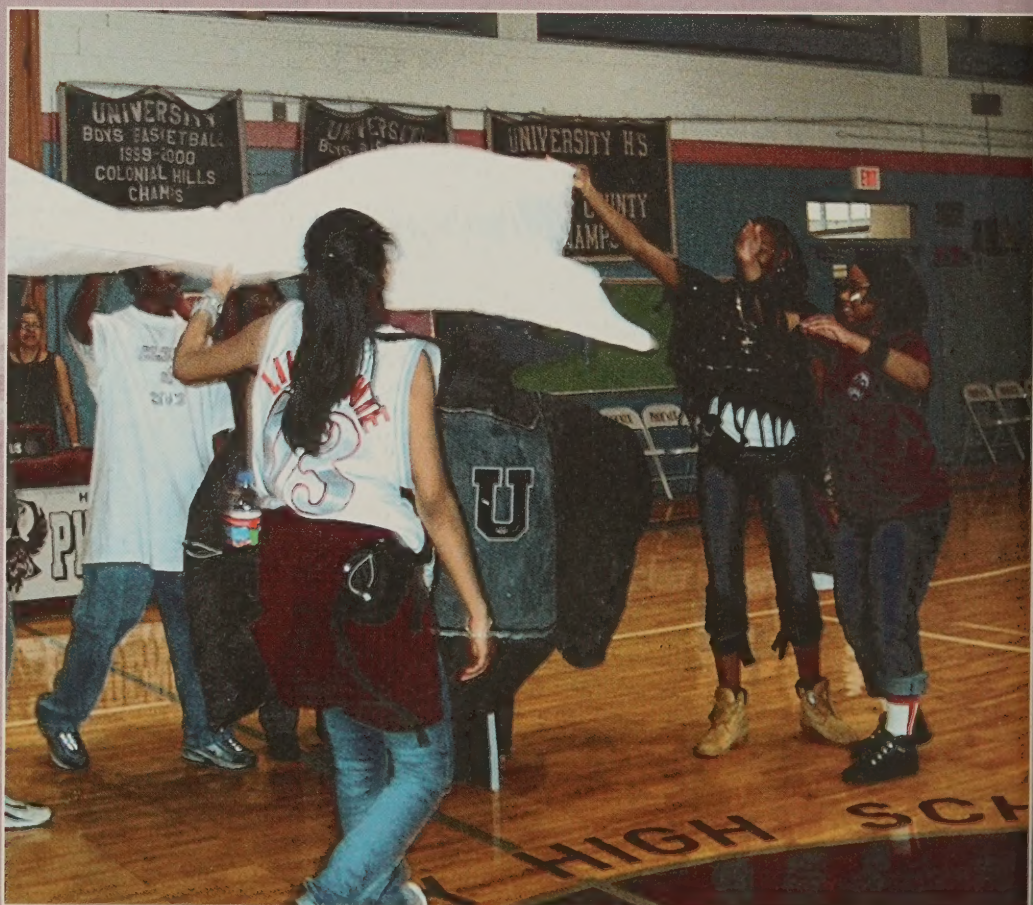




y name is "Lil Uni" and I would like for you to meet my sister, "Lil Phoenix". She is an incoming freshman to University High School. As we embark on a virtual tour of our school, I would like for you to join us. Throughout the tour you will encounter the most talented staff, devoted students, and a host of activities that lay the foundation of our great school. We "**The Class of 2003**" are composed of future professionals, business leaders, athletes, musicians, and community workers. Throughout the tour we will reflect on the past, with a clear vision of the future. **The Class of 2003** has experienced happiness, tears,

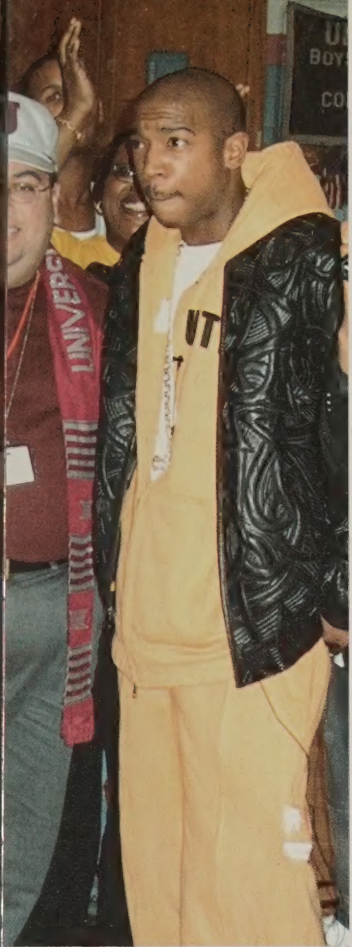


Bravo to Student Conductor Jessica Foard, who along with Ms. Turner and chorus entertained UHS with songs for the holiday.



The Phoenix rises again! After major surgery, NHS students unveil a freshly painted mascot in all his glory.





fights, and fears, but **“For the First Time Ever”** we realize that as a collective unit we stand strong. Throughout the tour we will talk in dept on the wonderful things occurring at University High School. So follow me as I show my sister, **“Lil Phoenix”** where I have spent the last few of years of my life.

Former student Elliot James and Mr. Leon bring a special treat to the Winter Pep Rally. Ja’ Rule captivated the audience and stole many hearts.

Ms. Haden leads the school in a solemn flower placing ceremony to commemorate the tragic events of 9-11-01.



Ms. Schiele never misses a school spirit day, she’s always in the mix.

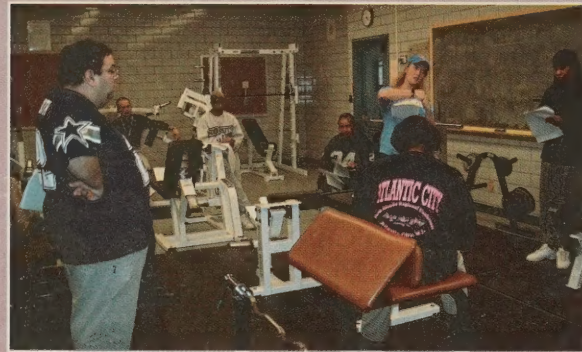


Senior divas Samantha, Starkeia and Emmanuela display winning smiles and lots of school spirit.



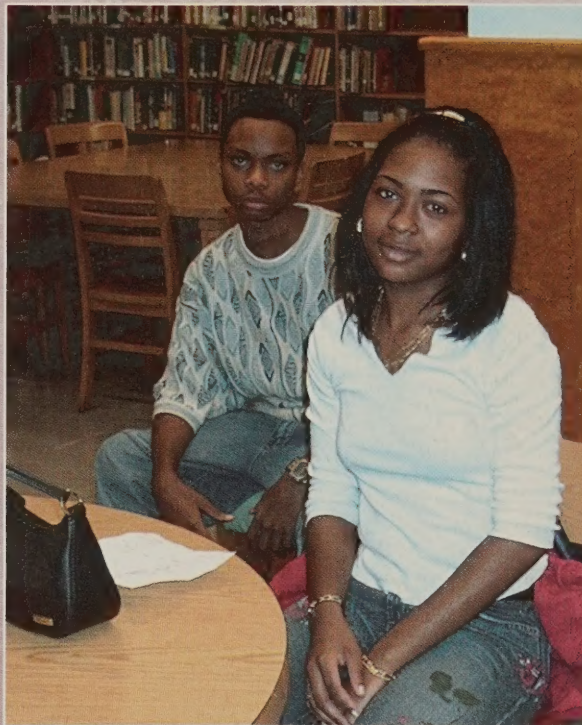


# It's All What Is Inside



Philshia and Patricia get congrats from Mr. Kaczka at the breakfast honoring Principal's List Students.

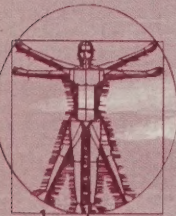
Mr. Leon joins the staff for orientation and inauguration of the "Healthy Mind, Healthy Body" project.



After six years, Jennifer and Kareem contemplate the best class trip ever.



## Wise words for the soul



liver Wendell Holmes once said "A man's mind once stretched by a new idea, never regain its dimensions."

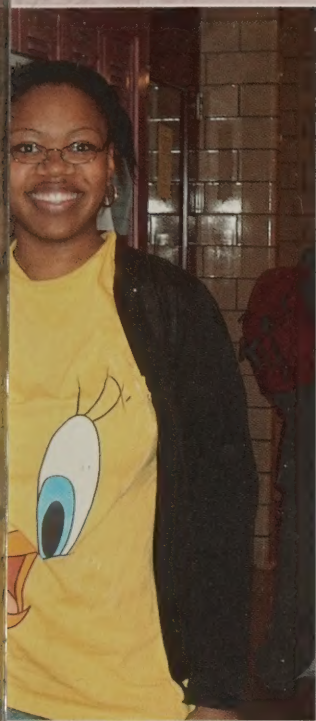
The minds of the **Class of 2003** are eternally expanding at a constant rate. One day in the past, someone gave

each of us a new idea; ultimately that new idea became the start of our unstoppable thirst for knowledge. The fact that we have over 40 students above a 3.0 GPA exemplifies our sheer intelligence. In addition, our principal has recognized our class for having the most students make the principals list. As the great poet Majorie Barnes said, "We succeed because people expect us to fail." Over the years we have matured into productive young adults, who will have a lasting impact on society.

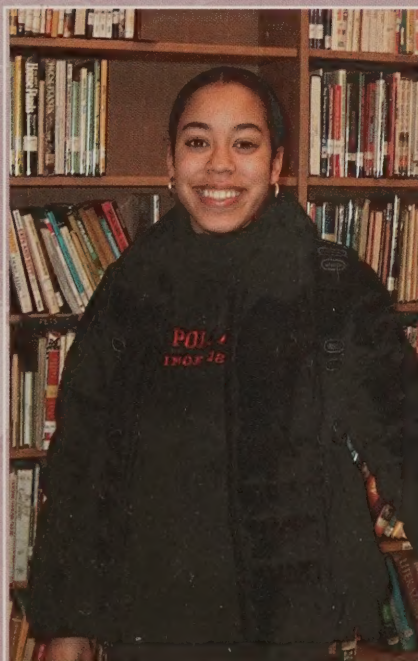




# *This is who we are*



**W**e must never forget about the good times that we have had together, not only as a class but as a school. The one and only DJ Reem Supreme was at all the dances and parties with music that kept everybody jumpin'. At basketball games Shay Barnes kept the crowd cheering with his numerous slam-dunks. On the volleyball court, the dynamic trio Tritina, Keyana, and Jessica witheld an indestructible wall that no other team could hop over. At concerts Leah serenaded the audience with her voice of an angel, while Aileen calmed their souls with the sweet jazz from her saxophone. Throughout the sports activities, concerts, lip sync contest, homecoming dances, and pep rallies, **The Class of 2003** has managed to fully represent in each. As a class we are not only wise, but we are creative leaders who have contributed a lot to University High. During our junior year we had already begun school leadership frequently expressed by seniors through organizing the pep rally, homecoming dance, and school fundraising activities. Over the years our class has been resided and redefined, but our basic qualities still stand. We are wise leaders, who are active, resourceful, and respectful.



Naiya is very happy with the way the scholarship money is piling up. She's ready and raring to go.

Caprice celebrates school spirit everyday whether she's on or off the court.

Number 1, Above One Thousand, 100%: These proud seniors met the UHS goals and are not afraid to show it!

## *For the First Time Ever...*

- a class of more than a hundred
- will graduate from UHS
- our Pep Rally was most memorable event.
- our class trip will be off the hook!
- the entire school will recognize the accomplishments of the class of 2003
- Our class officially unifies.

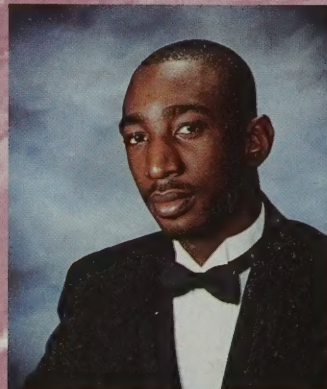


# For the *first* time ever

*The Class of 2003*



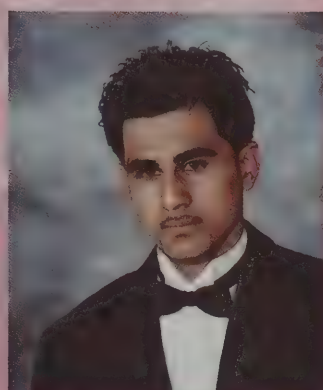
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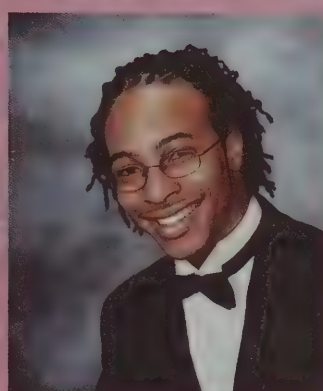
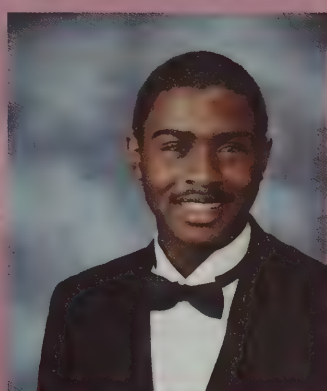




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Kenya Amos*



*Nadirah Ashraf  
Naiya Atkins  
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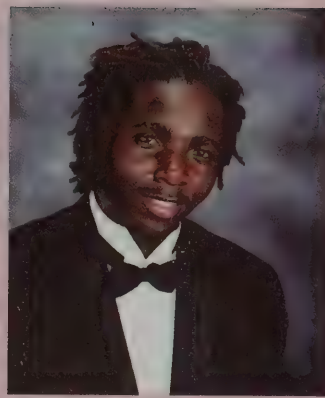
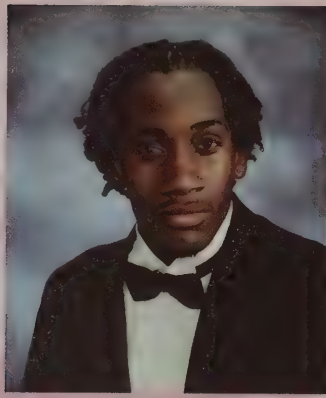
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Al Tariq Bell*



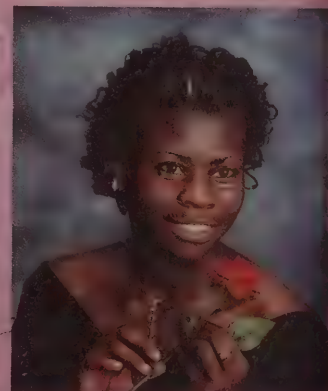
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Amirah Branch*



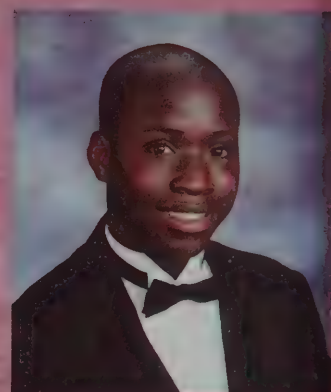
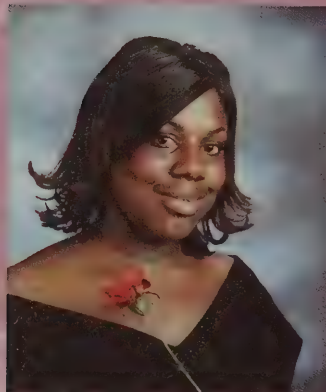
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Willie Brown  
Karen Bruce*



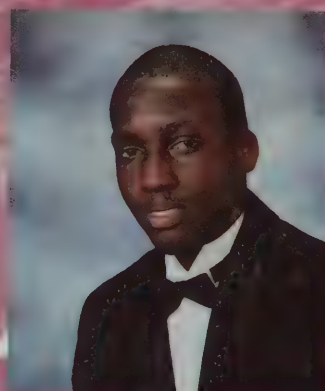
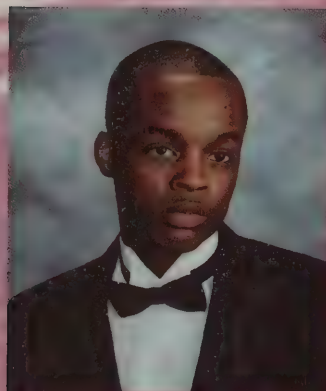
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Shantah Bush*



*Keila Patching  
Emmanuel Charles  
Sharif Charles*

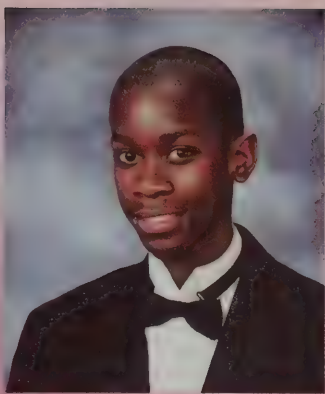


*Shamar Cohen  
Khalil Coleman  
Kiana Collins*



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*Erricka Puttino  
Johnathan Davis  
Taraiya Dodd*



*Asiah Ellis  
Sharon Swings  
Kashiera Farley*



*Nicole Fimmio  
Jessica Foard  
Leah Frazier*

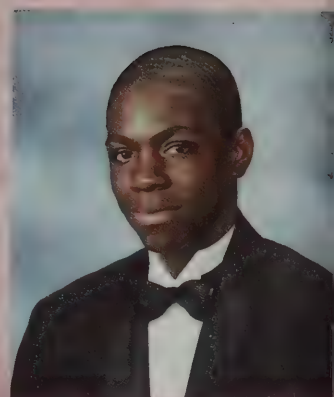
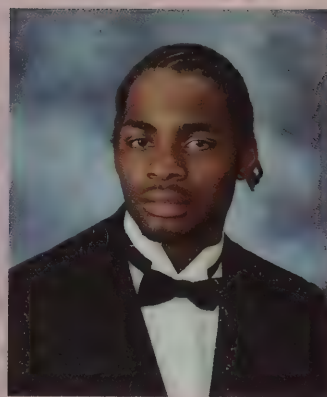


*Amanda Gaderon  
Paxandra Gaderon  
Elijah Gerald*

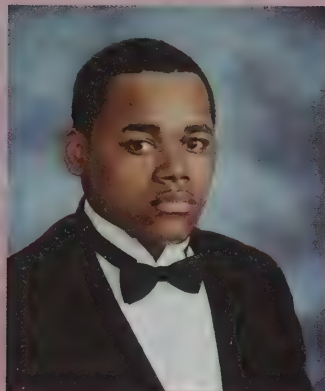
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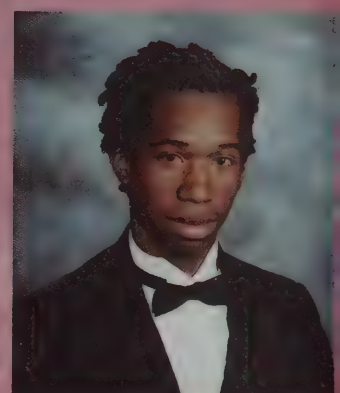
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John Hall*



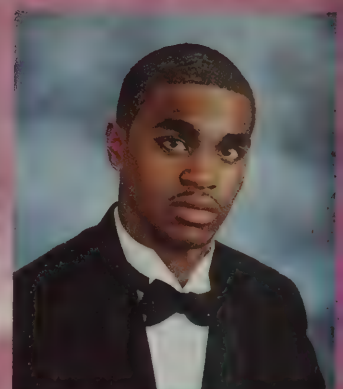
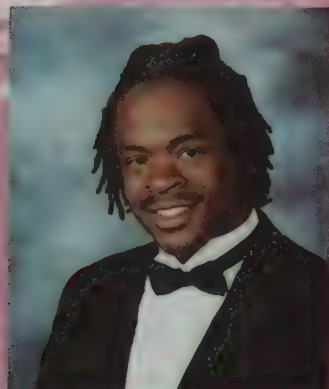
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Taras Howell*



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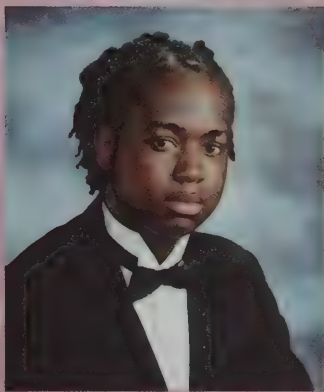


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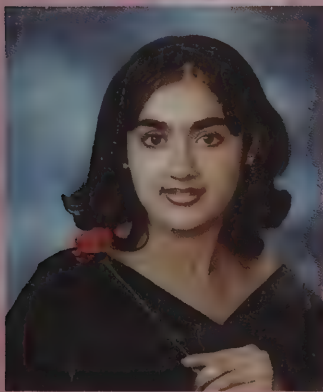




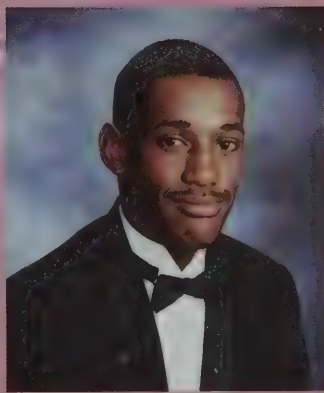
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Tyeshia Jones*



*Promis Kariuki  
Jermaine Kendall  
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Claudia Lee*



*Tamra Lovinidge  
Rodney Ligon  
Latoya Loyd*

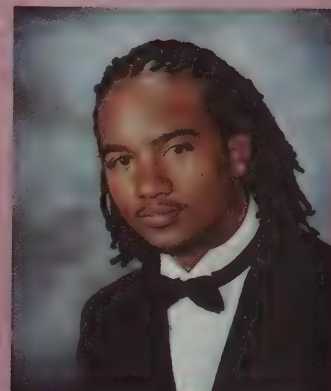
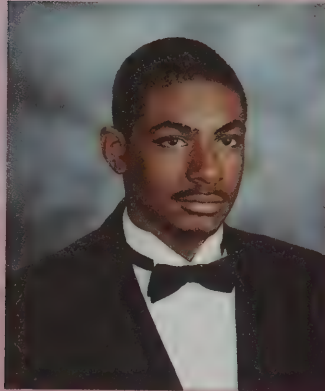
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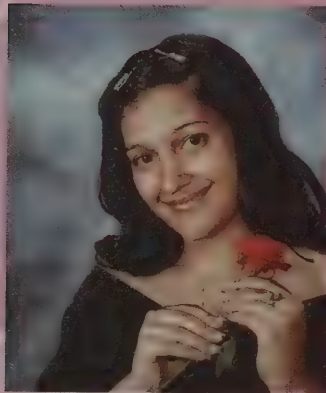
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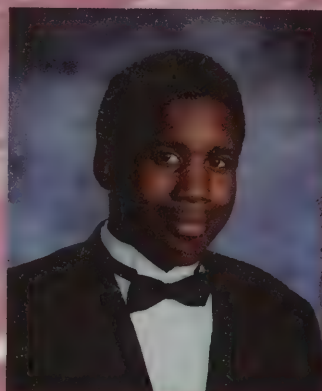
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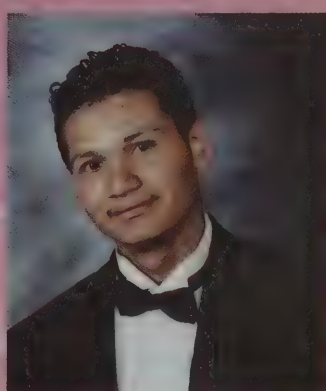
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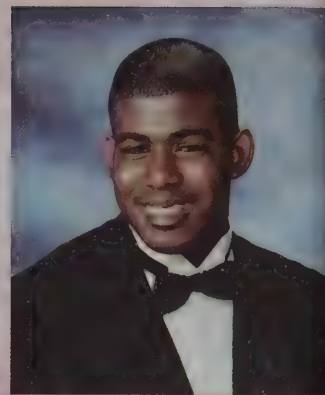


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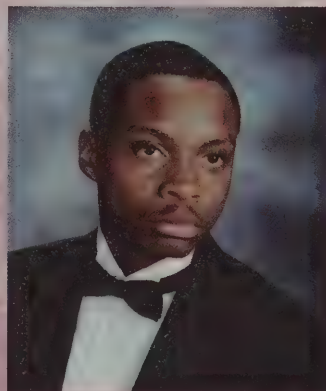
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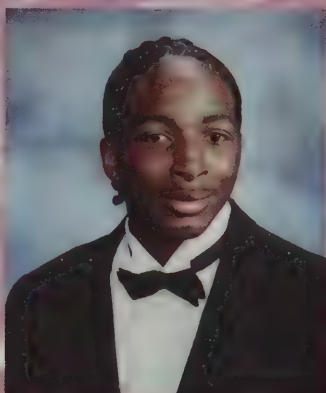
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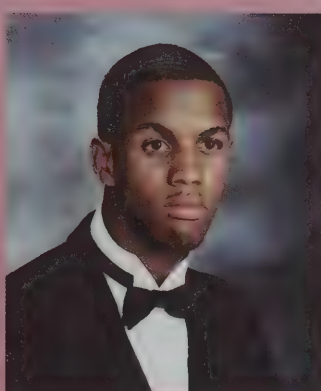




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Latoya Waden*



*Moniquea Washington  
Trinita Whitehead  
Erica Whitaker*



*Kacia Wilks  
Douglas Williams  
Kevin Williams*



*Patricia Williams  
Jennifer Williamson  
Nakya Wray*

# *Humanities Senior Class of 2003*



# *for the* **F**irst time ever ...

*Roger Leon*



The dawn of a new day is here, and lucky are we to have shared this important time with you. You have demonstrated your greatness to all that doubted you. The challenges you met and overcame were designed to prepare this class for formidable obstacles in the future. As you glance back to these years, remember to face new challenges with the growing determination that you first cultivated at University High School of the Humanities.

We have accomplished many goals because of you. "For the first time ever" your presence has symbolized the important role that individuals play when they are a united front with a common cause. Our new path has been forged upon your academic and social laurels. The time has finally come when a class has dared to reestablish the level of high distinction that represents University High School.

Make every difference in the world. We will be watching your star as its light leads the way for others to follow. I ask that you refer to every page of this yearbook, from cover to cover, to understand why "for the first time ever," a class can graduate with this honor and recognition. I remain proud of you and wish you the best of luck in all that you do. *Play It Forward.*

*Elizabeth A. Haden*



This yearbook will be looked at maybe once or twice in 2003, then again in 2008, in 2013, 2018 and maybe once more.

What do I want to say now and then? What will you be then? What will you remember of the four years we've known each other? Will you remember what you learned from "A" Mr. Alexander, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Welsch, Mrs. White, etc.

Will you remember all the important issues that you had to evaluate and re-evaluate as a result of the questions you tackled with your teachers?

Remember the way in which each of you would bring any subject under discussion around to your favorite subject?

What will you be? . . . Actually, there's no question you will all be successful, but what will you be?

Will you vaguely remember, angrily remember, clearly remember, vividly remember, need to remember all the things . . .

What will you be? What will I be? What shall we say?

But you know? You are all tremendous people, and that's what I want you to remember everyday of your lives!

## *...united by excellence*



# Faculty



Alexander, Jerry  
Physical Education  
Alvarez, Lydia  
Science  
Andrews, Beatrice  
Humanities  
Arnold, Tim  
Humanities

Barnes, Valerie  
Physical Education  
Beaumont-Brownlee, Grace  
Nurse  
Benders, Sherell  
SAC  
Blackmon, Elizabeth  
Humanities Chair

Bleah, Joel  
Mathematics  
Brown, Wilhemina  
Security  
Cardoso, Ron  
Physical Education  
Clemons, Mattie  
Custodial

Corley, Robin  
Music  
Cuevas, Laura  
Enrichment  
Destefano, Robert  
Computer Resource  
DeVaughn, Allison  
Humanities

Dunbar, Samuel  
Head Custodian  
Eckstein, Paula  
Librarian  
Gironda, Marie  
Humanities  
Gray, Sheila  
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Harris, Hilda  
HSSR  
Harris, Karen  
Literacy  
Hart, Lauren  
Social Worker  
Hatcher, Jack  
Security





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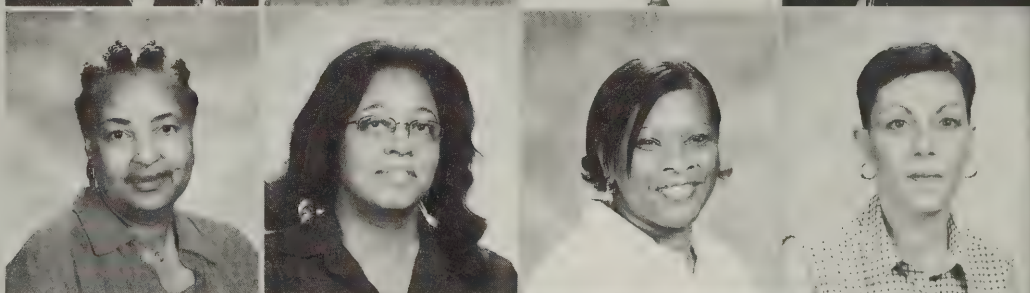
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Head Security  
Johnson, Gloria  
School-to-Career  
Kaczka, Walter  
Sciences Chair  
Khalil, Michael  
School Aide



Law, Hattie  
Guidance Chair  
Loiseau, Nicole  
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Mahon, Alicia  
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Manas, Rita  
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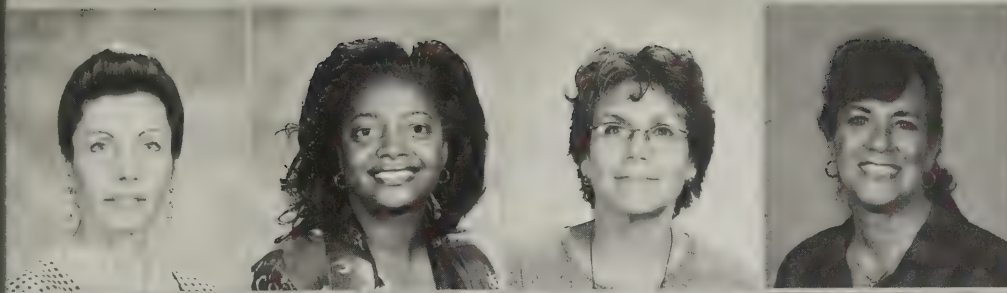


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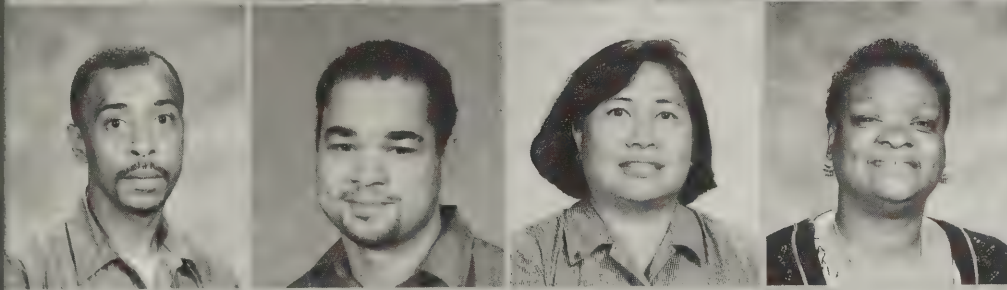




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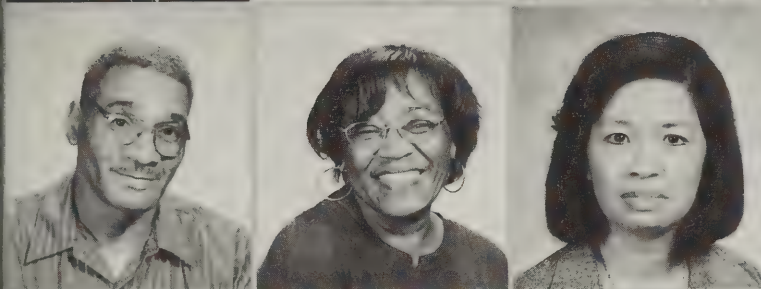
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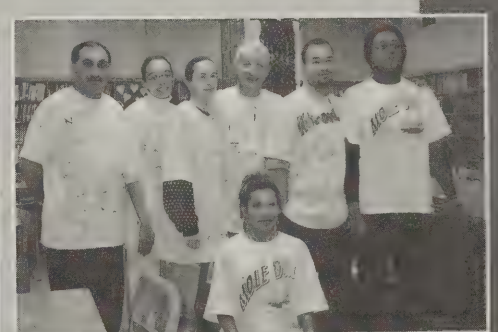
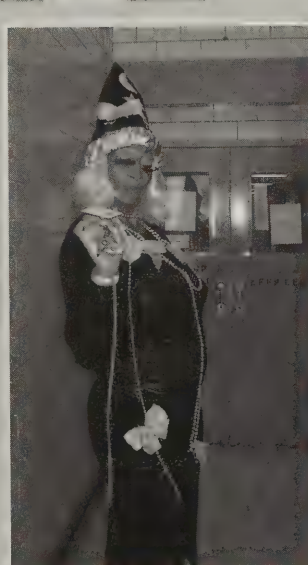
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Walker, Roosevelt  
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Wing, Patricia  
Humanities



School spirit envelopes Ms. Hernandez and Ms. Harvey as they cheer our champion teams.

Ms. Raysor is the "Good Witch" Diane on a School Spirit Friday.

Science students and teachers had to create their own tee shirt to celebrate Mole Day.





# Juniors

Mr. and Miss Phoenix take the roof at the Annual Pep Rally.



Alnisha and friend are having another School Spirit Bad Hair Day.

The Grimreaper is lurking in the Phantom Phoenix Hallway...don't let him catch *you* hanging out.

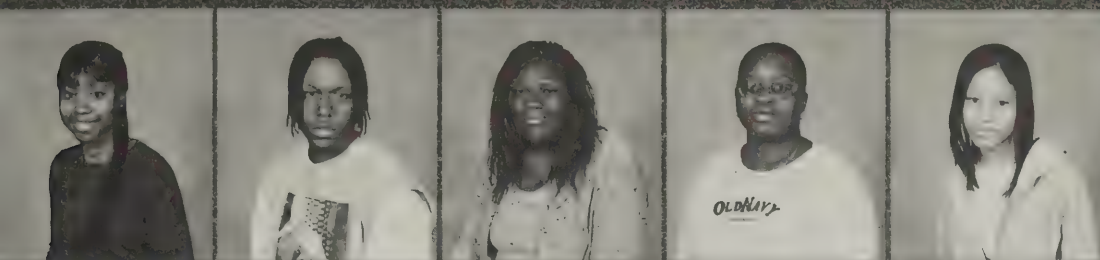


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Braswell, Mapletine





Brown, Ella  
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Cobb-Jones, Taahirah



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Debose, Sequens



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Elliott, Ayonla  
Hugleria, Judith  
Frazier, Leah  
Freeland, Danielle



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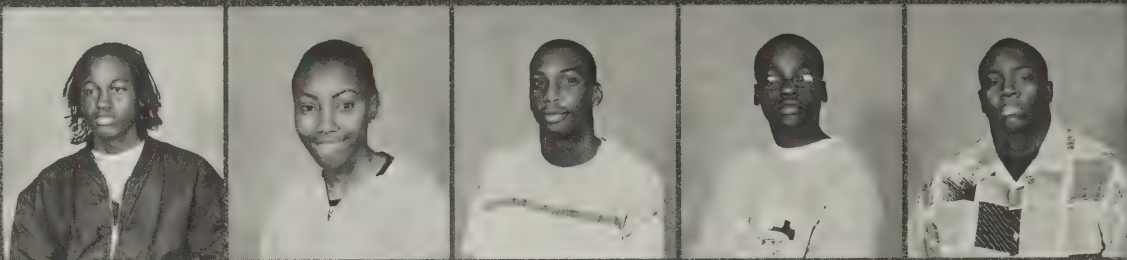
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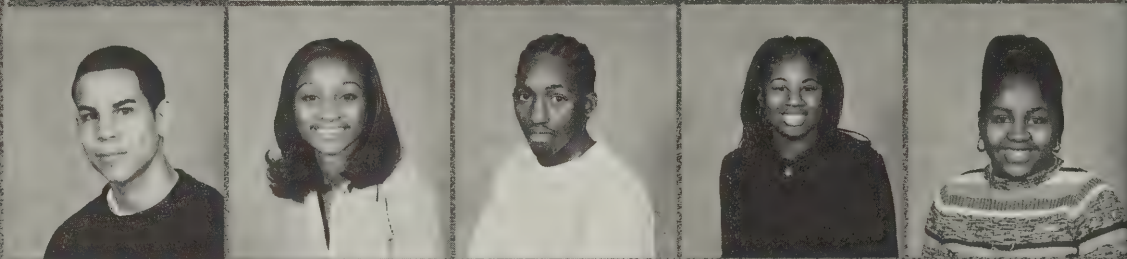
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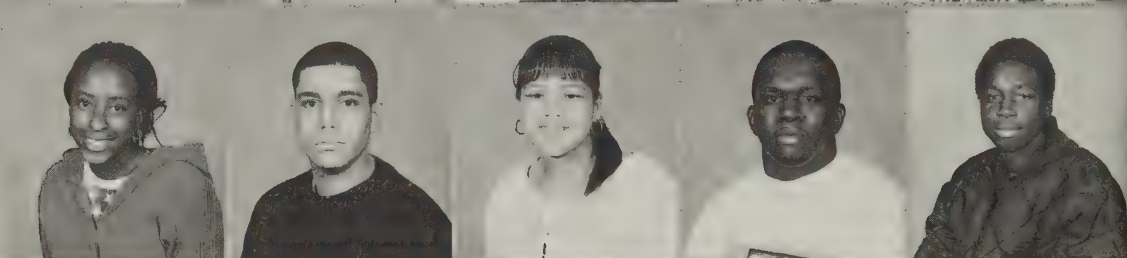
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Oxley, Ida  
 Pajon, Euloya  
 Powers, Lamonda  
 Puley, Tyrell  
 Perry, William



Pringle, Yvonne  
 Ruffin, David  
 Ruffin, Makayla  
 Ruffin, Tanya  
 Ruffin, Tanya



Seay, Chaz  
 Smith, Jasmine  
 Smith, Kellye  
 Spruiel, Joshua  
 Stevens, Jonta



Stewart, Khandice  
 Stokes, Shakera  
 Sykes, Asia  
 Thompson, Andrew  
 Tudor, U-Landa



JUNIORS REPRESENT QUALITY





Valdez, Philip  
Vand Dyke, Monique  
Veale, Jaunita  
Velez, Jessica  
Wallace, Taliah

Wallace, Tiffany  
Washington, Denise  
Weatherington, A.  
West, Lamar  
Wester, Eric

Whitehead, Monique  
Wicks, Alondra  
Williams, Devin  
Williams, Kynelsha  
Williams, Maggie

Williamson, Audrey  
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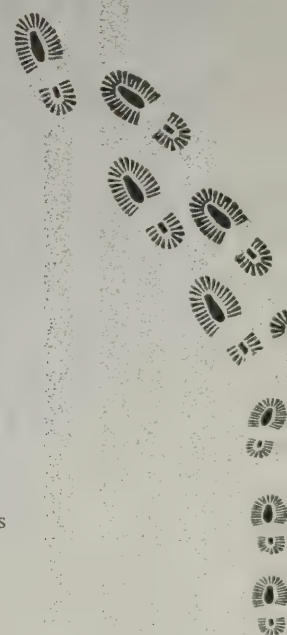


Letitia gets down to some serious studying.

Seniors celebrate -No more GEPA's, PSAT's, HSPA's or SAT's. Is this what freedom feels like?!

Daryl gives Shayna an exuberant hug as he exclaims, "It's almost over!!!"

Naiorbi gives Elijah a farewell hug - *the hallways will never be the same again without Brother Man!*





# Sophomores

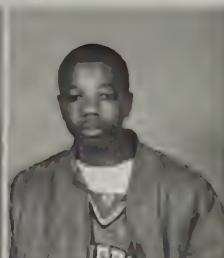
Seniors show love.

Sophomores have a class load  
at school spirit at the 2002  
Pop Rally.

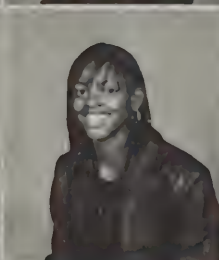
Sophomores Kresle Whitlock  
takes in some quiet time in  
the halls of the school  
and the Robotics Team.



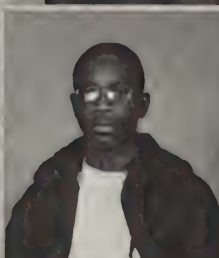
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Andries, Clarissa  
Bailey, Michael  
Baldwin, Shatira  
Barnes, Chadd



Barrow, Erica  
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Benoit, Jean Rene  
Blevins, Deandrea  
Boyd, Jaquan



Brinson, Anthony  
Britt, Roseangela  
Brookins, Yahsmine  
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Brown, Vanetta  
Camacho, Lionel  
Canty, Derrick  
Carmona, Jessica  
Carroll, Tashom



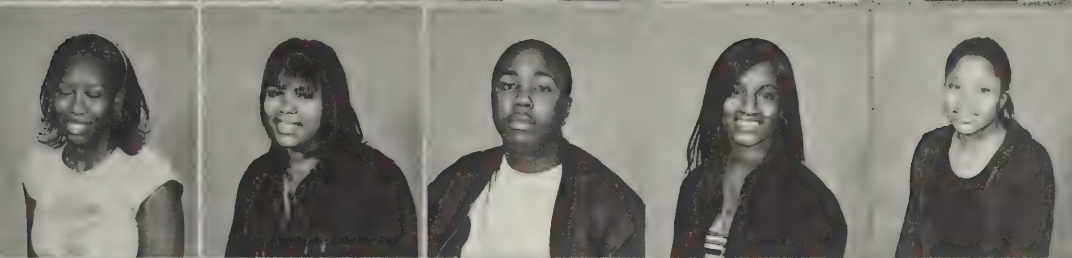
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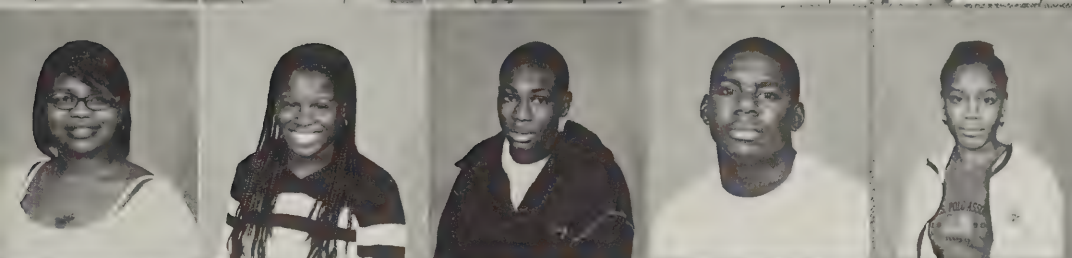
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Davis, Allissa  
Davis, Roya  
Demarzio, Dashaun  
Dixon, Karl-Ann



Downard, Tenisha  
Dunson, Jene  
Epps, Jamar  
Eze, Victoria  
Ferguson, Porsha



Freeman, Raven  
Glover, Rahibbea  
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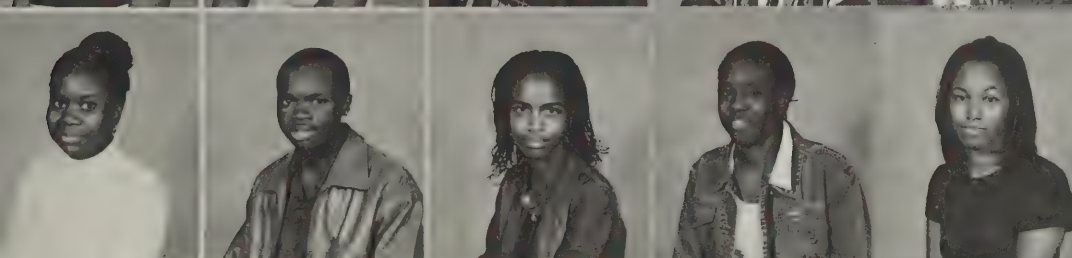
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Harvey, Dashon  
Hayes, Antwan  
Herald, Urshala



Herbert, Shanay  
Herring, Sana  
Horton, Wemyss  
Howard, Tierrah  
Jackson, Malika



Jackson, Tachelle  
Johnson, Alaa  
Jones, Lamar  
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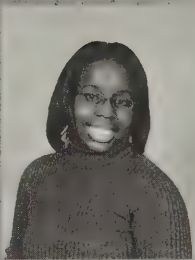


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Lamoths, Janelle  
Mairs, Davia  
Mays, Chandel

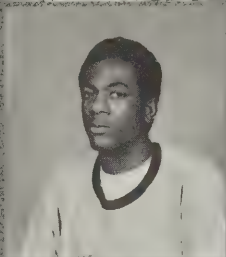




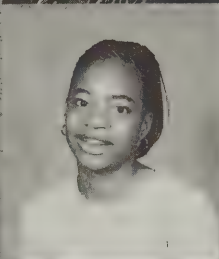
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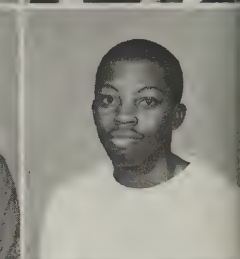
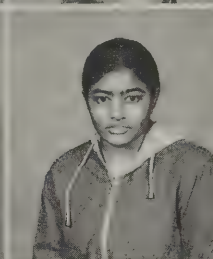
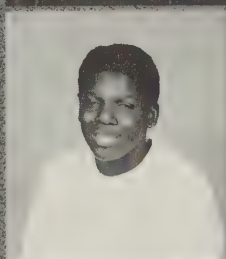
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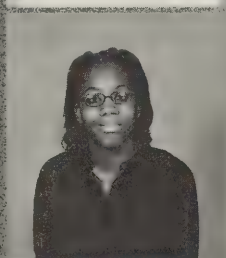
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Sales, Rodreaka  
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Stephenson, Sarah  
Subramaniam, K.  
Taylor, Jamar



Thomas, Jasmine  
Torry, Shahzaadee  
Velazquez, Melissa  
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Venord, Nachele



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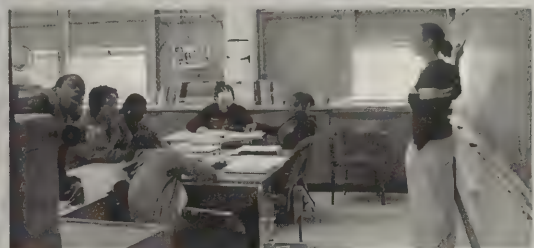


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Willis, Natasha  
Wise, Cereola  
Woodson, Kia





# Freshmen



Adams, Sadiq  
Ahmad, Javeria  
Akins, Tanisha  
Ali, Rahima  
Ali, Tarnue  
Allen, Blair  
Alequin, Julissa

Ausbon, Amirah  
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Battles, Dominique

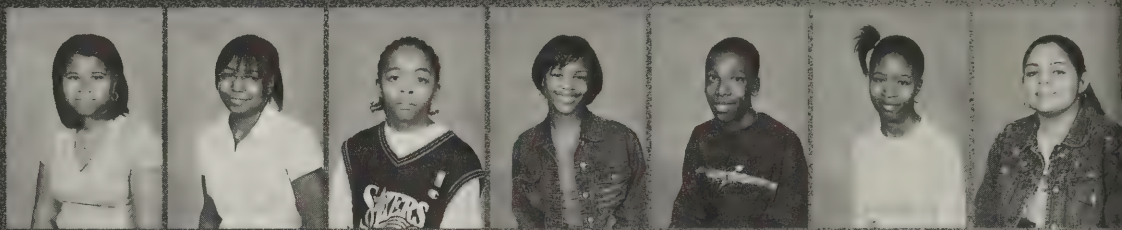
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Brown, Lamont  
Brown, Paris  
Brown, Shakilya  
Byrd, Byron  
Caban, Jannette  
Cano, Mirella

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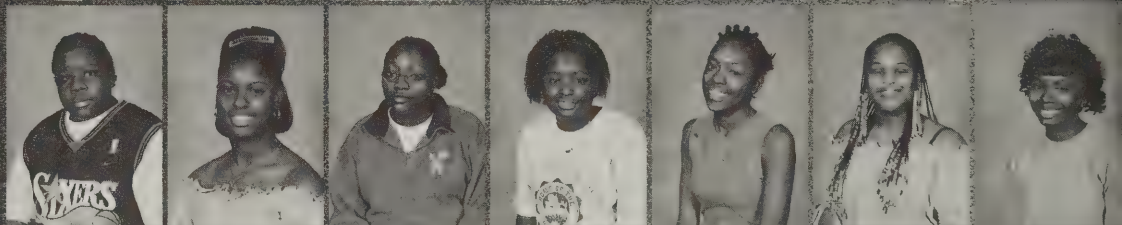
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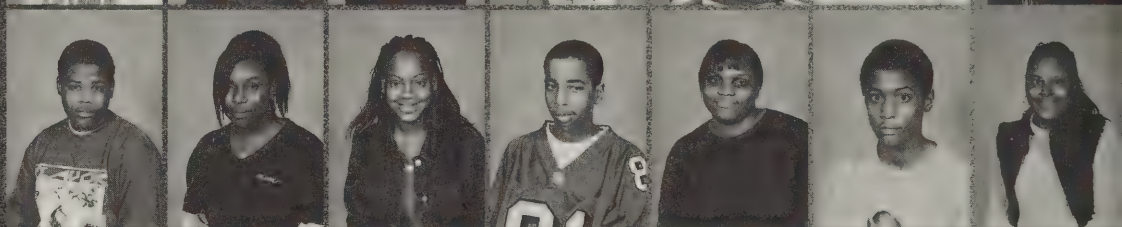
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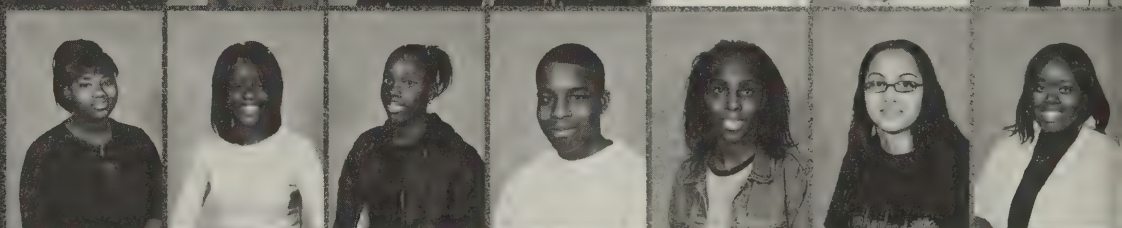
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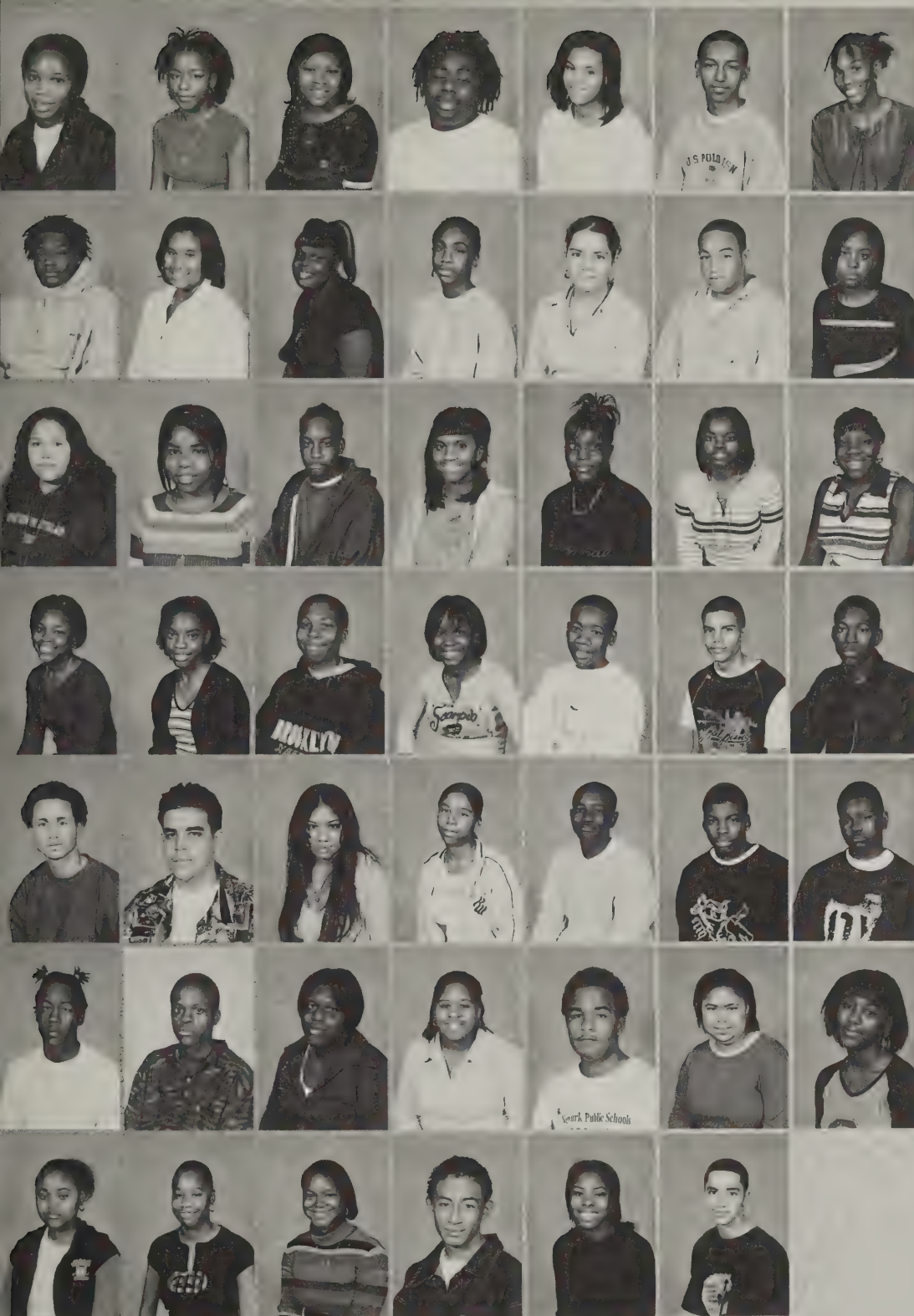
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 Mensah-K., Chantel



Middleton, Ryan  
 Miller, Joseph  
 Mobley, Danielle  
 Moore, Bruce  
 Morton, Patricia  
 Muniz, Gregory  
 Nelums, Javan







Onukogu, Ezinne  
Osborne, Joshada  
Perry, DeVona  
Phillips, Keith  
Powell, Ronella  
Pullay, Hemendra  
Ramsey, Victoria

Randall, Azmar  
Rasdell, Erica  
Reddick, Mauya  
Roberson, Jourdan  
Rodriguez, Kelly  
Romero, Rafael  
Sabree, Giovanni

Sanchez, Ruth  
Saxton, Tawanna  
Sheppard, Darryl  
Smith, Bianca  
Smith, Lakennya  
Stevens, Sade  
Stewart, Tawanna

Stokes, Tiffany  
Stover, Quanika  
Taylor, Trevin  
Tillman, Jaresha  
Turay, Thaim  
Ulerio, Danny  
Valentine, Isaiah

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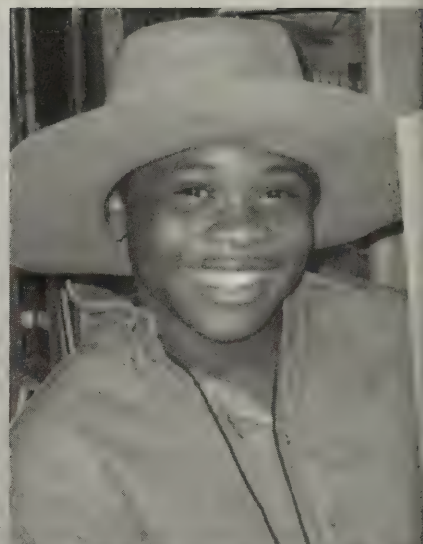
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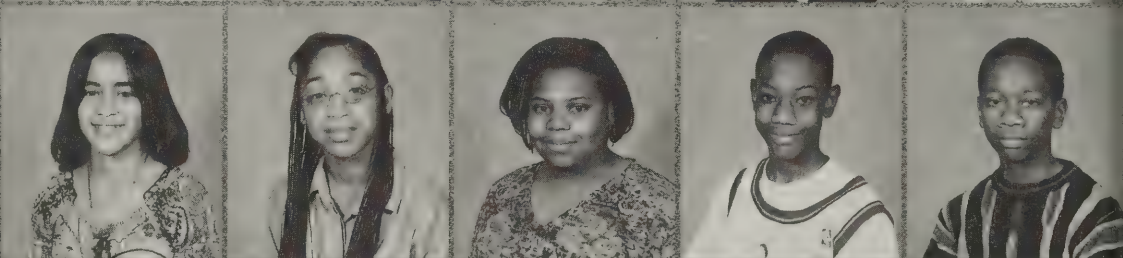
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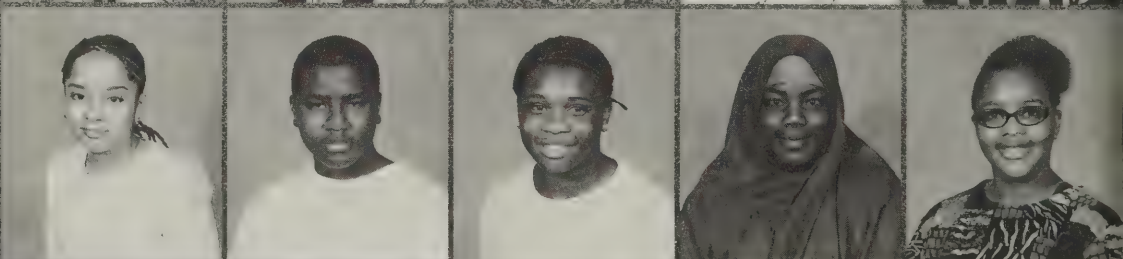
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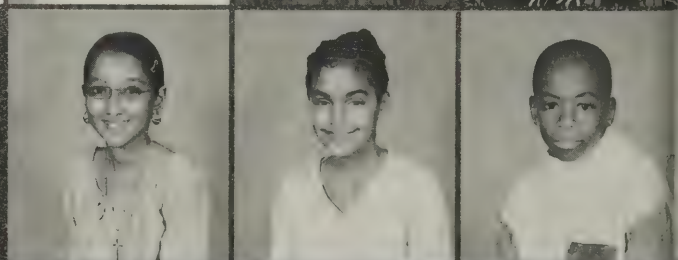
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Samuels, Sirika  
Scott, Daila



Seepersaud, Aneela  
Serrano, Jessenia  
Wallace, Jamil







# *The 2003 Gifted and Talented Graduating Class*



Almon, Akeem  
Armstrong, Akeem  
Bryant, Akeem  
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Cornell, David  
Crawford, Malik  
Davis, Giovanni  
Dwight, Nathan  
Gonzalez, Samira



Hallston, Jasmine  
Harris, Darius  
Holtzman, Danyel  
Johnson, Quailie  
Jones, Precious



Lemma, Alemnehe  
Little, Marqueta  
Mirales, Melaine  
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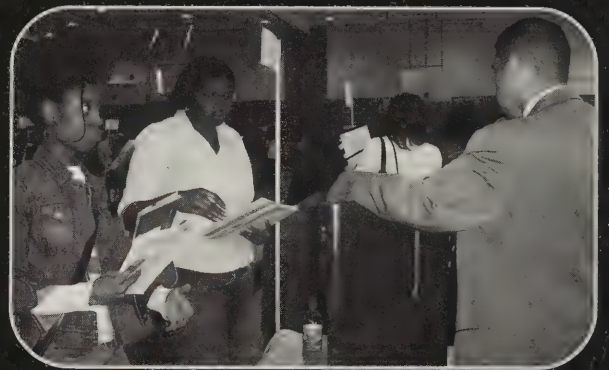


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Staniger, Kimberley  
Thom, Alisha  
Vinhauz, Joseph



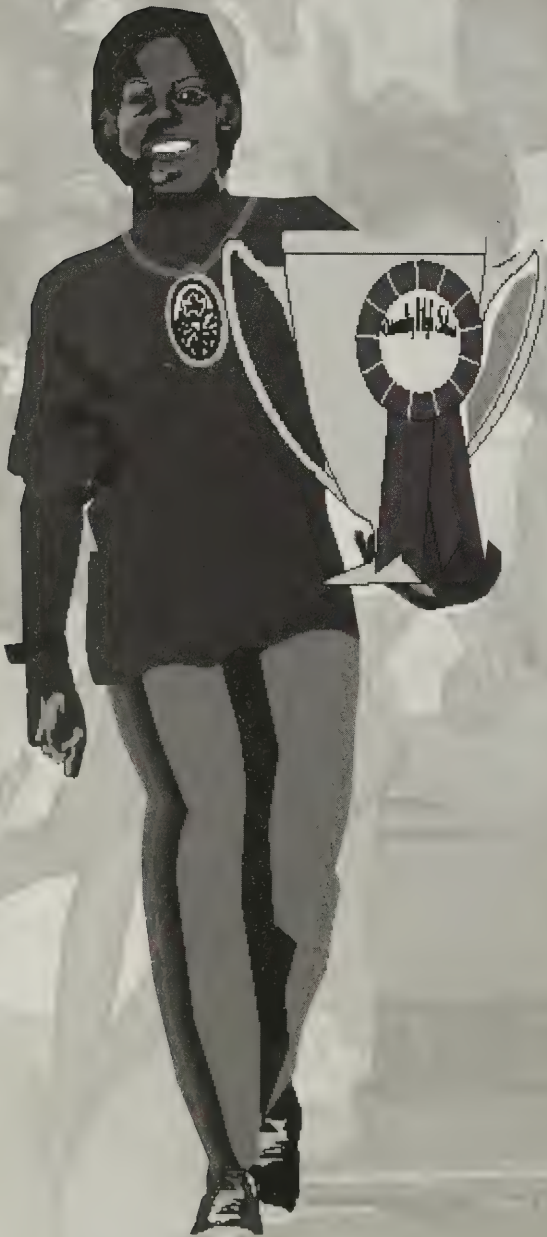
# School Life

*A Day in Our Lives....*



*T*he thing that makes University High, so great is the host of activities available to everyone.

There are activities in publishing, writing, future career planning, as well as social gatherings. From the ever popular pep rally, and school dances, to the new Friday movie nights, and karaoke Saturdays; UHS has a lot to offer. *For The First Time Ever* the UHS community has managed to foster a school with an academic challenge in conjunction with outstanding social interest.





# Unique ways of



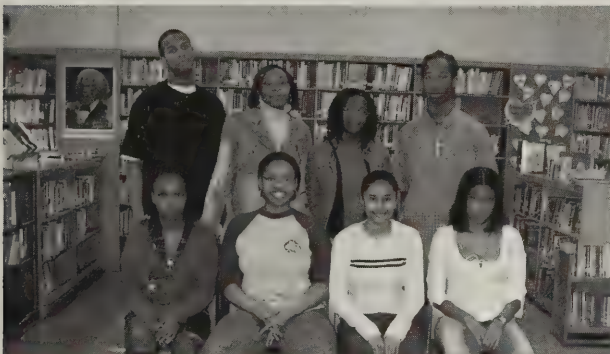
## *Phoenix Yearbook*

N. Finnie, T. Howell, A. Bell, Y. Karuki, 2nd row S. Charles, S. Melvin, D. Knowles, J. Foard, N. Atkins, K. Collins, M. Washington Advisors: Paula Eckstein, G. Barrington Jackson, advisors



## *Phoenix Flame*

N. Atkins, D. Knowles, K. Bruce, N. Finnie, 2nd Row: K. Whitlock, M. VanDyke, N. Corbin, C. Basden, and advisor Marilyn Howard

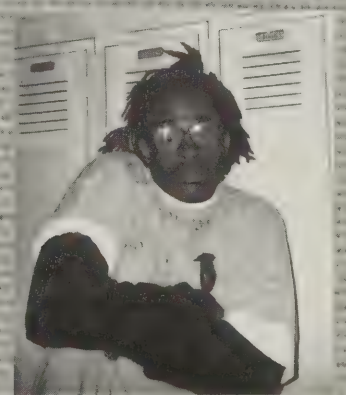
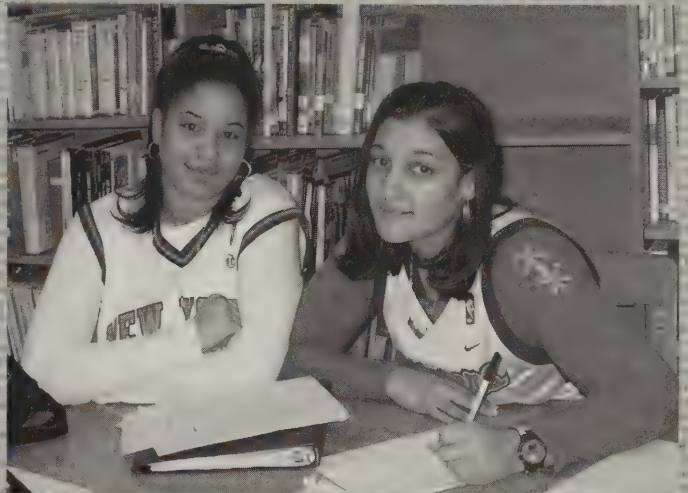


## *National Honor Society*

E. Charles, N. Atkins, N. Finnie, D. Knowles, 2nd row K. William, A. Mack, Y. Karuki, T. Howell. Ms.G.Barrington-Jackson, advisor.



Mr. Arnold and his team, L. Thomas, U. Herald, T. Howard, C. Alicea, placed 2nd in the *We the People* competition sponsored by the State of New Jersey.



Lynette and Arielese are going over Lynette's poem about her experiences at UHS.

Darryl-Jackson is not cold. "He be Chillin'."

Tyrone feels good after his successful senior season on Shabazz's football team and his induction into the NHS at University.

learning.



### Robotics

K. Whitlock, T. Walker, R. Reynolds, Y. Williams, R. Pompey, C. Henriques, Advisor Mr. Simmons, K. Bruce, J.



### Science Explorers

C. Ross, D. Freeland, L. Camacho, A. Smith, L. Paige



### Future Physicans

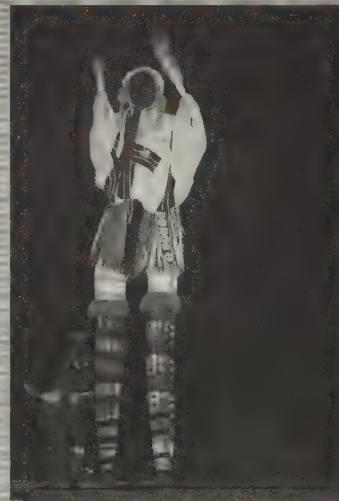
K. Bruce, U. H. Skully, C. Henriques, J. Mine, Advisor Deborah Rojy



### Favorite Clothing Store



The Gap The Source H&H Against All Odds



Seniors Kiana, Tiffany, and Tritina show off their School Spirit Jerseys.

Ms. Perry doing the "Sign of the Phoenix." She can make the crowd roar when she is cheering.

What have these four seniors going for them?..they were accepted at the schools of their choice.

Stilts dancer at the African American assembly mesmerized the crowd with his balance and athletic prowess.

*The things we do...*



### *Do Something*

S. Melvin, A. Bell, L. Frazier, N. Atkins, K. Bruce, C. Henriques, T. Dodd, J. Mine



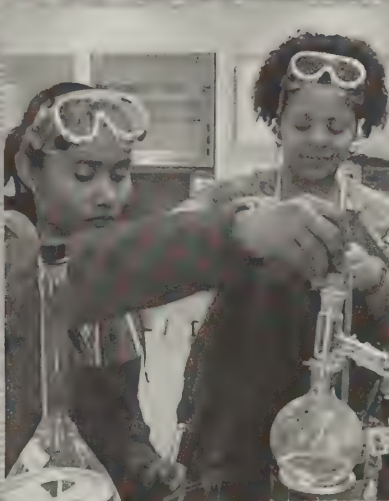
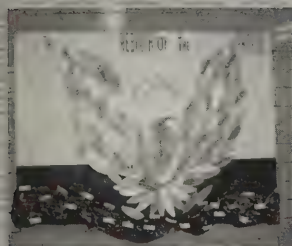
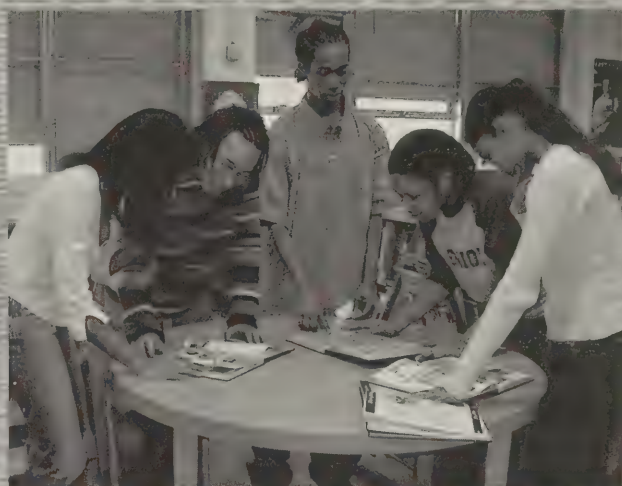
### *Future Teachers*

L. Loyal, K. Bruce, M. Washington, E. Whitaker, T. McKoy, N. Corbin, C. Lee, S. Parrish.



### *Future Nurse's*

Mrs. Beaumont-Brownlee and her nightingales bring TLC to University High.



Shayna and Kenya are looking for scholarships-they've got the grade now "show me the money".

The creative freshmen display their school spirit with their version of the Phoenix.

Pensive Ronella Powell wonders how the fool ref make that bum call! The mighty Phoenix *never* fouls!

Yearbook staff looks through past yearbooks for ideas.

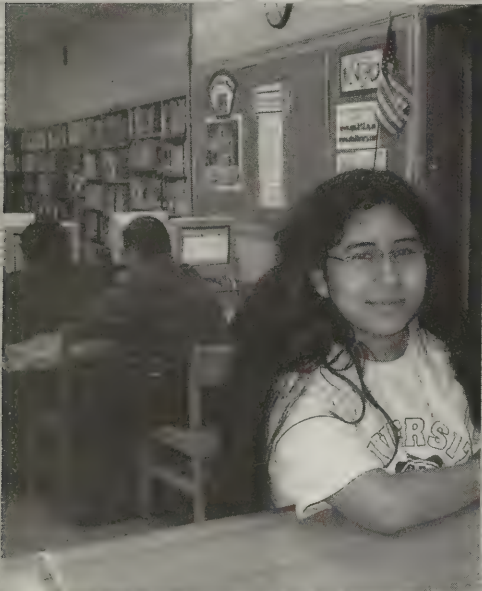
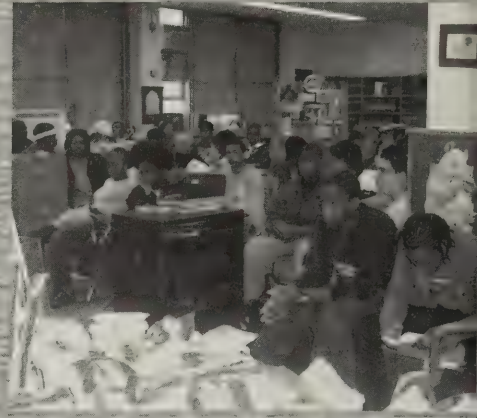
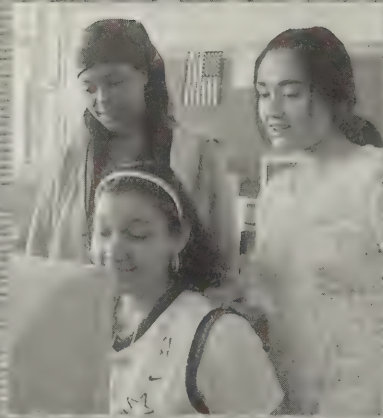
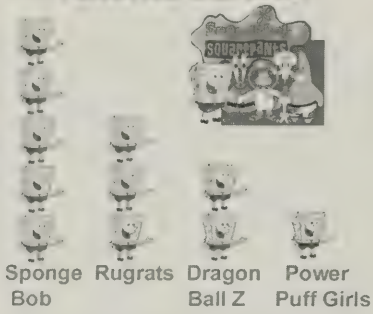
Shaaran getting the sounds together for his marching band. Didn't they really get down at the pep Rally?

Nicole and Sharonda know the future is in their hands and they've got the right stuff.

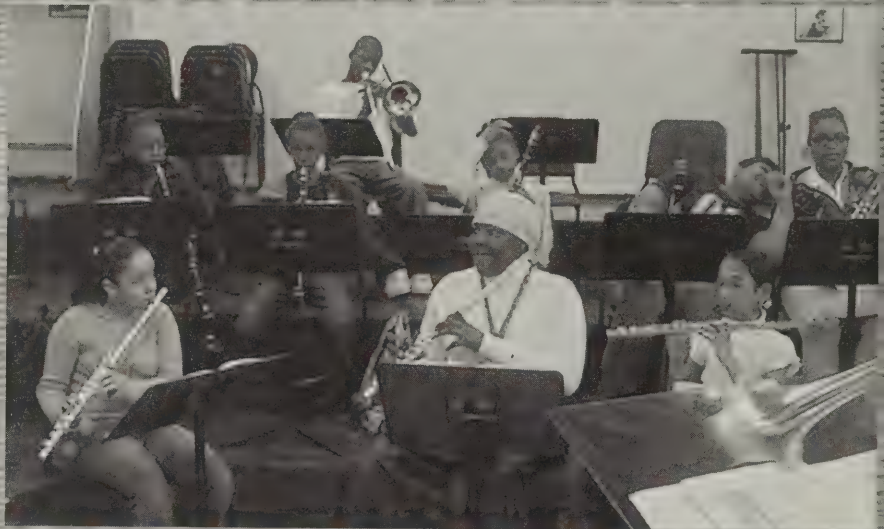
... make learning fun!



## Favorite Cartoon



Eighth grade student Melanie lives by our motto: Above 1000/100%/Numero Uno



Arielese, Shavon and Razia search the net looking for ideas for an banin' class trip.

Freshman watch "Pay It Forward" so they can better understand the philosophy on which the new UHS was founded, while the 7th grades express their musical talents, below.



## Policy Debate

D. Beechum, J. Guaba, A. Seepersaud, J. Serrano, A Everett, M. Hall, M. Washington, T. Howell, A. Dowdell, M. Bartee, T. Mansion, C. McKinney, O. Onukogu, S. Conner, D. Scott, S. Samuels, W. Holt, J. Alequin, K. Ruffin, Mr. Nazario, Z. Decree.



## Future Attorneys

T. Cook, W. Horatio, M. Washington, T. Howell, I. Aimable, V. Brown, J. Christie, J. Meeks, J. Kendall, P. Robinson, A. Mack, A. Bell, M. Hall.

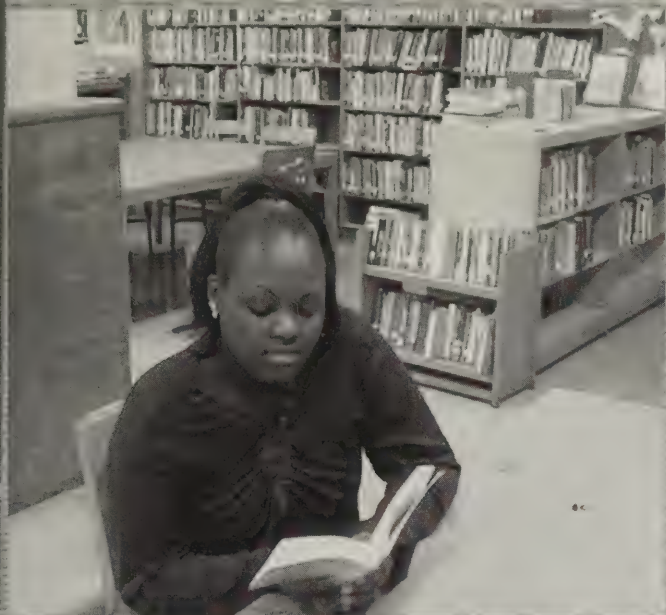


## Model UN

L. Loyal, S. Charles, D. Abrams, A. Bryant, I. Aimable, L. Thompson, P. Robinson, T. Bunche.

# Extracurricular





Senior Chonte exhibits why reading is fundamental, while freshman Jordan Roberson, and Keith Williams describe the benefits of research.



#### Favorite Female Rap Artist



Eve Missy Elliot Trina Lil'Kim

#### Favorite Male Rap Artist



Jay-Z Eminem 50 Cent Nas



#### *Close-Up*

P. Robinson, A. Bell, C. Henriques, D. Knowles, E. Charles, N. Finnie, N. Corbin, K. Collins, L. Thompson, T. Bunche, N. Atkins.



#### *Trench Club*

C. Ross, Y. Williams, R. Glover, Y. Kariuki, T. Dodd, L. Pasker, R. Brito, D. King, J. Lamothe, M. Braswell, J. Hall.



#### *Family Book Club*

Advisor De Vaughn and all of her avid readers, too numerous to name.

*Activities . . . . can lead to careers.*





## Technology Club

T. Wallace, S. Rutty, T. Reyes, A. Glenn, C. Stokes, Mr. Destefano, advisor



## Best Friends

M. Moreles, A. Seepersaud, Advisor Ms. Melvin, J. Guaba, A. Dowdell, K. Ruffin, O. Onukogu, D. Hinnant, T. Conover, S. Samuels, Genavine, A. Murray, Z. Beasley



## Freshmen Class Officers

J. Howard, S. Rutty, J. Lawson and N. Harris



Seniors share their love with their one and only Health Teacher, Ms. Hewett.

"Sing your heart out," Ms. Turner commands her senior chorus.

The girls on the left prepare a written report, while the guys on the right reminisce the good times.





# Governing Bodies

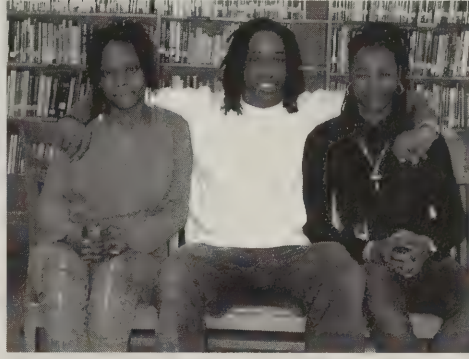
## Sophomore Class Officers

S. Adams, K. Whitlock, R. Glover, Y. Brookings,  
J. Green, D. King, J. Dunson.



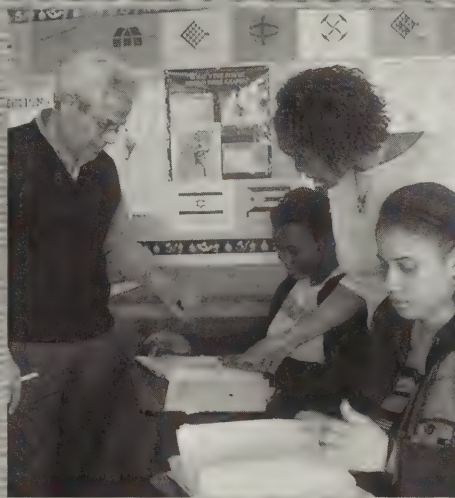
## Junior Class Officers

A. Beck, C. Basden, M. Van Dyke

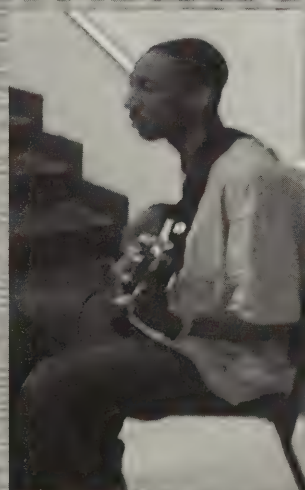
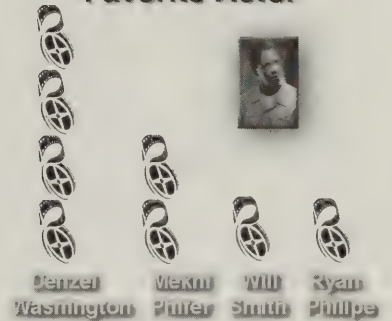


## Senior Class Officers

J. Foard, S. Melvin, K. Collins,  
A. Bell



## Favorite Actor



Razia K., Tritina W., Kiana C., and Al-Tariq B.,  
reviewing statistical procedures.

Mr. Husain is advising his seniors on trigonometry  
problems.

Is this a last minute homework or reminiscences about the  
last four years?

Desmond enjoying a moment of peace with his bass.



## Multicultural Dance Group

Under the direction of Mrs. Rivera-Cruz



## Pep Squad

Led by Mrs. Melvin



## Best Friends

Befriended and led by Mrs. Melvin



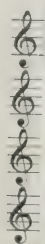
Let me tell you! Lynette Thompson, Elaina Bryant and Samira Parrish dissing it out before class.

Calculate This! Julia Cato and Nichelle Vernard are working on math assignments before school.

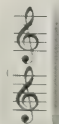
Doing out favorite things: Posing for pictures in the hall



## Favorite Male Singer



R. Kelly



Jahiem



Donnell Jones



Avant







It's a beautiful day in the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival. Enjoying the day are K. Bruce, M. Washington, J. Kendall, T. Jones, N. Arkins, and R. Khawaja.

Give me a hug, Nicole. I made National Honer Society! Skully speaks!?

### Favorite Female Singer



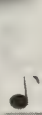
Mary J. Blige



Alicia Keys



Christina Aguilera



Amerie



### *Chorus Altos*

T. Kitchen, S. Hinton, K. Catching, A. Gaderon, C. Heniques, A. Beck, L. Pasker, T. Wallace,



### *Family Reading Club*

Good reading, good discussion and good friends are the elements of Mrs. DeVaughn's most enjoyable club.



### *Sophomores Class Officers*

S. Adams, K. Whitlock, R. Glover, Y. Brookins, J. Green, D. King, J. Hardesty

"Do a common thing in an uncommon way." Booker T. Washington



"Beyond talent lie all the usual words: discipline, love, luck-but most

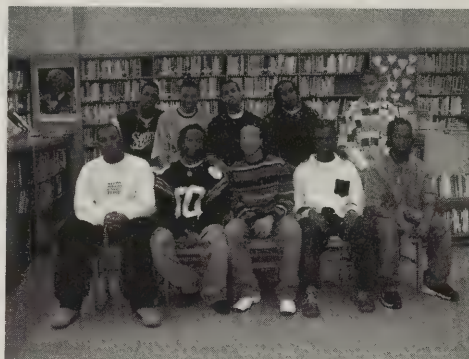
### *Band*

Mr. Corley, blessed with a large chorus, has subdivided them both musically and for the sake of taking good pictures.



### *Chorus Bases, and Tenors*

M. Rutty, C. Manley, A. Bell, D. King, T. Howell, R. Ligon, A. Morgano, K. Williams, J. Brown, L. McLucus



### *Altos*

Chorus, Redux.



### **Favorite Actress**



Haile  
Berry

Sandra  
Latham

Angela  
Bassett

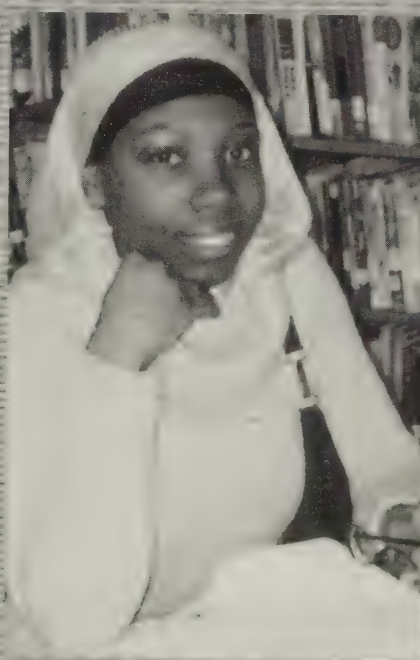
Angelina  
Jolie



Caught the seniors posing again-you better hurry on to class.

John Brown and Willie Brown go back in time.

Quenisha and Elijah battling for that one last sip.





# of all endurance" - James Baldwin

## *Technical Assistance Club*

T. Wallace, S. Rutty, T. Reyes, A. Glenn and C. Stokes. Mr. R. Destefano, advisor



## *Trench Club*

Nous parles Francais. Too numerous to mention. Mr. Julian, advisor.



## *The Ecology Club*

GreenPeace starts in our backyard. Mr. Tierney leads the way.



Senior girls ready to "Get Dirty" for the pep rally.

N. Finnie gets a headache from all the fuss of senior pictures.

Asiah and Shavon show love in the auditorium.



# Sports



*Yoda*, from *The Empire Strikes Back* once said, "Do or do not. There is no 'try'". This year, the University High School sports division has definitely did what they had to do to show that knowledge gives power! Ms. Hewett wins the Coach of the Year award for her exceptional work with the volleyball team. Ms. Turner, and Mr. Hayes work with bowling, and track team to reach heights never attained. *For the First Time Ever* this year the Phoenix male and female basketball team has won wide acclaim. No only in local tournaments, but on the state level, both teams have claimed victory. Whatever sport you are in at UHS, it will promise to be filled with excitement, achievement, and personal growth.





Senior volleyball stars Jessica, Kiana, and Tritina express their love for their devoted Coach Mrs. Hewett.



# Scholar Athletes

## FOOTBALL

### Tyrone Green

Tyrone is a student with brain and brawn. He is in the top 25 of his senior class with an A- average. Tyrone has played football for the Malcolm X Shabazz team on the tight end defense end. He also has excelled as a basketball player for the UHS team. In school Tyrone is a member of the Math Olympics team, the National Honor Society, and tutors many of his peers. He plans on attending Fairleigh Dickenson University in the fall. What more can you ask of a Scholar Athlete?



## VOLLEYBALL

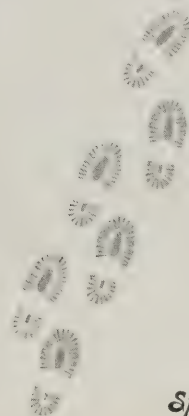
### Tritina Whitehead

Tritina is a bright student who excels not only in class but on the courts. She ranks in the top 25 of her senior class with a B+ average. Tritina ranked third in the state of New Jersey in volleyball, completing her senior year with a bang. In addition to her Colonial Hills Conference Player of the Year Award, she received All City honors for volleyball. Throughout her years in high school Trina has excelled on the basketball, volleyball, and softball teams. In the fall, she plans to attend Rutgers University. With wisdom, and spirit she expresses the true ideals of being a Scholar Athlete.



### Pep Squad

R. Cureton, R. Ratchford, T. Hawk, K. Ruffin, M. Hall, S. Adams, K. Catching, A. Anderson, J. Hall, S. Jones

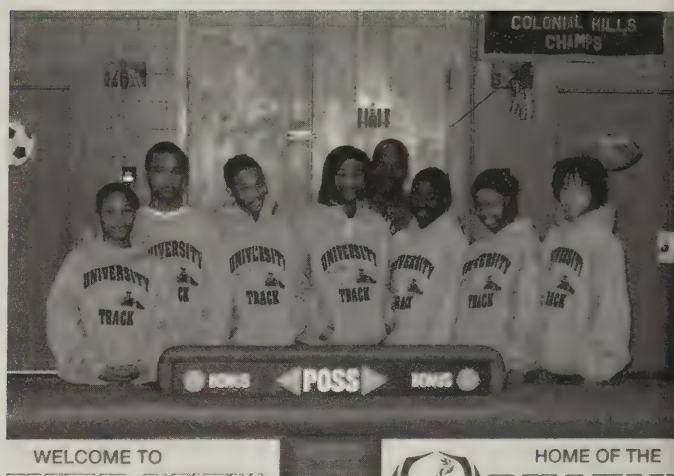






### ***Tennis Team***

Girls Tennis under the leadership of Michael Khalil.



### ***Track Team***

Track team under the leadership of Mr. Hayes, and Ms. Bridgeforth-Hart.



### ***Senior Softball***

K. Collins, Coach Cordoso, N. Finnie, T. Whitehead, P. Williams, J. Forad,



### ***Senior Cheerleading***

C. Black

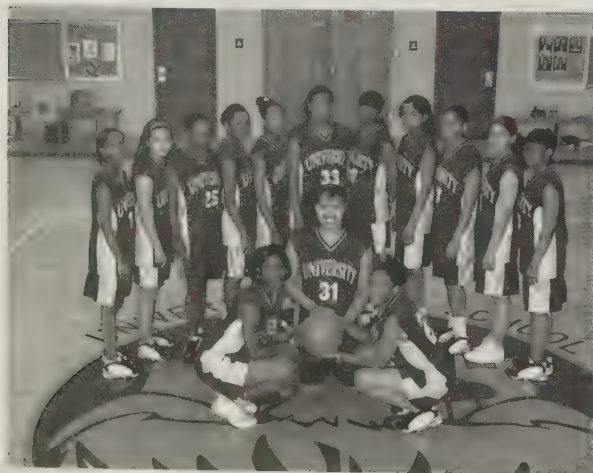


### ***Senior Tennis***

Q. Reed, E. Bryant, C. James



### ***Senior Boys***



### ***Girls Basketball***

T. Whitehead, R. Reynolds, K. Collins, S. Brown, J. Stevens, M. Van Dyke, M. Braswell



### ***Boys Tennis***

Jordin, A. Washington, S. Charles, R. Louissaint



### ***WHS***





### ***Bowling Team***

Bowling Team under the leadership of Ms. Jacqueline Turner



### ***Softball Team***

Softball team under the leadership of Mr. Cordoso



### ***Basketball***

D. Jackson, R. Ligon, S. Barnes, S. Cohen, T. Green, K. Coleman



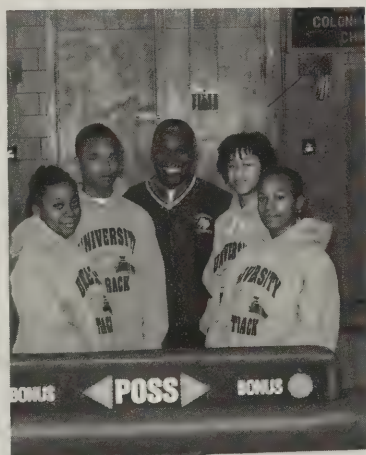
### ***Senior Girls Basketball***

T. Whitehead, R. Reynolds, K. Collins



### ***Cheerleaders***

P. Furgeson, C. Black, J. Alequin, A. Barnett, C. Andries



### ***Track Team***

Mr. Hayes, Coach: Ms. Bridgeforth-Hart, assistant coach.



### ***Volleyball Coach Sandra Howell***

Our very own Coach Sandra Howell was selected Colonial Hills Conference Coach of the Year.



# PHOENIX SOARS

## Volleyball

All work and plenty of play made athletics at UHS anything but dull this year. The volleyball team, under the leadership of Coach Sandra Hewett and Assistant Coach and former UHS student Christine Bright, earned honors at the Colonial Hills Conference this year:

- \* Coach Hewett (Coach of the Year)
- \* Senior Tritina Whitehead (Co-Player of the Year)
- \* Senior Kiana Collins & Junior U-landa Tudor (Honorable Mention)
- \* Junior Jonta Stevens was selected First Team All Conference Player

- \* Junior Phil Valdez received second place for the all conference in the Colonial Hills Conference
- \* The Team won second place in the NPS Christmas tournament.

Meanwhile, the girls' basketball team continued to keep the Phoenix spirit alive and took second place at the Colonial Hills Conference Tournament. Under the direction of Coach Barnes and former student Felicia Oliver.

## Basketball

Former student turned coach Ras Baraka (Class of 86) brought his game back to UHS basketball, and along with assistant coach Mike Callahan, directed the boys' basketball team to a second place win in the Newark Public Schools Christmas tournament.

- \* Rodney Ligon, who was named the most Valuable Player for the All Star Conference Essex/Hudson County, received first place in the Colonial Hills Conference Team.



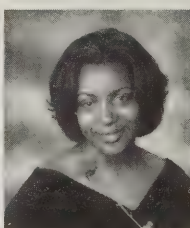
**Desmond Abrams**  
Baseball



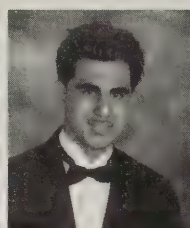
**Kenya Amons**  
Pep Squad



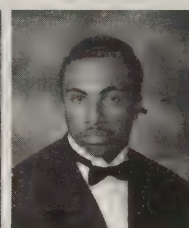
**Naiya Atkins**  
Pep Squad



**Tiffany Allison**  
Pep Squad, Volleyball



**Saqub Awan**  
Baseball, Track



**Shay Barnes**  
Basketball



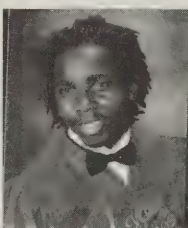
**Thomas Barnes**  
Track, Tennis



**Al Tariq Bell**  
Pep Squad



**Caprice Black**  
Cheerleaders



**Willie Brown**  
Football



**Shantah Bush**  
Basketball



**Elena Bryant**  
Pep Squad, Tennis, Track



**Doremus Botts**  
Football, Baseball



**Tanya Bunch**  
Softball, Tennis



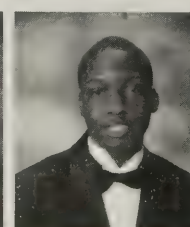
**Keila Catchings**  
Pep Squad



**Sharif Charles**  
Tennis



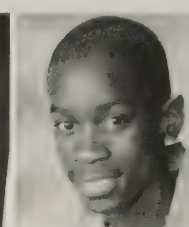
**Shamar Cohen**  
Basketball



**Khalil Coleman**  
Basketball, Baseball



**Kiana Collins**  
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball



**Johnathan Davis**  
Cross Country, Tennis



**Taraiya Douglas**  
Pep Squad





**Asiah Ellis**  
Basketball



**Shavon Ewing**  
Tennis



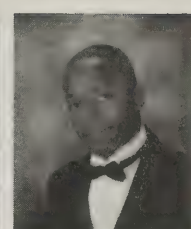
**Kasheria Farley**  
Tennis



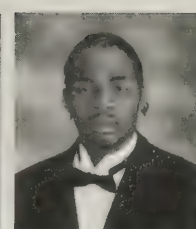
**Nicole Finnie**  
Softball, Volleyball



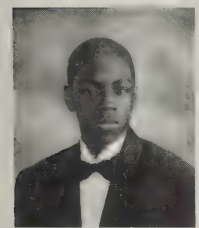
**Jessica Foard**  
Volleyball, Softball



**Elijah Gerald**  
Football, Tennis



**Tyrone Greene**  
Football, Basketball



**John Hall**  
Track and Field



**Samantha Hinton**  
Tennis



**Eboni Holmes\*\***  
Pep Squad



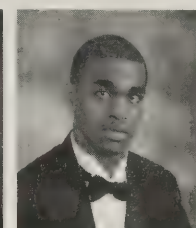
**Tarae Howell**  
Cross Country,  
Track



**Darryl Jackson**  
Football,  
Basketball,



**Katrina James**  
Tennis



**Darryl Jones**  
Basketball, Baseball



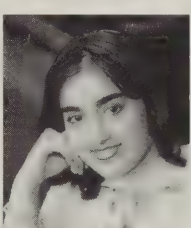
**Shanya Jones**  
Tennis



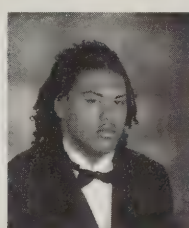
**Tyeisha Jones**  
Basketball, Volleyball



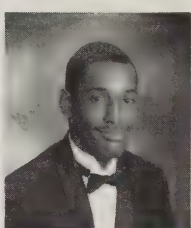
**Yvonne Kariuki**  
Basketball, Track



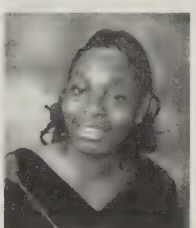
**Razia Khawaja**  
Softball



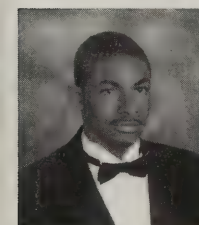
**Jamieel Khan**  
Basketball



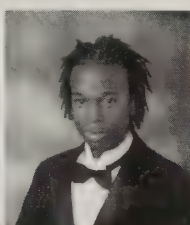
**Rodney Ligon**  
Cross Country,  
Basketball, Tennis



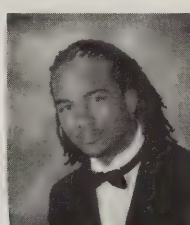
**Aileen Mack**  
Jazz Band



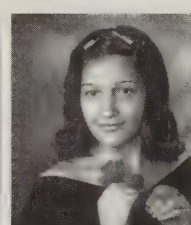
**Melvin Mackey**  
Bowling



**Curtis Manley**  
Bowling



**Antwan Mason**  
Football



**Arielese Mateo**  
Basketball, Softball



**Tanisha Mays**  
Pep Squad



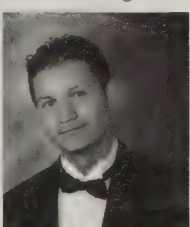
**Tiffany Mc Koy**  
Volleyball



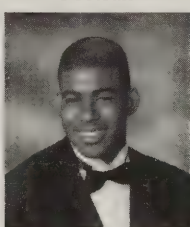
**Sharonda Melvin**  
Pep Squad



**Tanisha Miller**  
Cross Country



**Javier Portillo**  
Tennis, Baseball



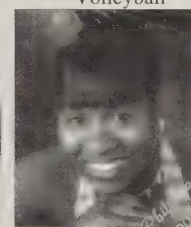
**Thomas Reyes**  
Track, Basketball



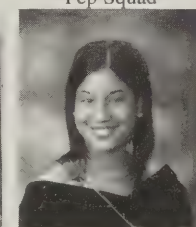
**Robin Reynolds**  
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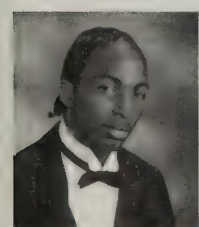
**Erin Rivers**  
Volleyball



**Philishia Robinson**  
Track, Tennis



**Lynette Thompson**  
Basketball,  
Softball/Tennis



**Clint Stokes**  
Cross Country, Tennis,  
Bowling



**Jennifer Williamson**  
Volleyball



**Tritina Whitehead**  
Basketball, Volleyball,  
Softball



**Patricia Williams**  
Softball,





# Seniors



## Top Twenty-Five

Though memories fade, the thread of our book of days holds us together. Our everlasting lives influenced by the people we have encountered and the experiences made over these last few years. As the Class of 2003 prepares to make another important step in our lives, we forever reminisce on the good times that we have had together. As a collective unit we have exhibited creativity, knowledge, and strength. Memories and dreams transcend us to a world of life. In the beginning others saw a class *Never Before* foreseen, and *Never Again* sought, because *Through Our Eyes*, we definitely stand *In A Class By Ourselves*. The good life; *Some Dream It*, but *We Live It*. Many *Often Imitate* our success, but could *Never Duplicate* our accomplishments, because *For The First Time Ever* a class of our sheer size, strength, knowledge, and power will cross the stage of great UH.





# Missing In Action

As our class reaches success we must never forget about our fallen comrades. Many of them played key roles in shaping the unique qualities of the Class of 2003. Our "Missing In Action" are individuals who at some point in time were members of our class, but will not be finishing our journey through high school with us. Though our class is the largest senior graduating class thus far, we have experienced the loss of over 70 students during our time here. Some decided to transfer or had personal problems, while others just could not withstand the academic challenge that University High School has to offer. Our "Missing In Action" are true soldiers that will forever remain strong. Wherever they are, we wish them mounds of love, happiness, and success.

## Class Demographics

Grade 7: 111 Students

Grade 9: 137 Students

Grade 11: 115 Students

Grade 8: 107 Students

Grade 10: 120 Students

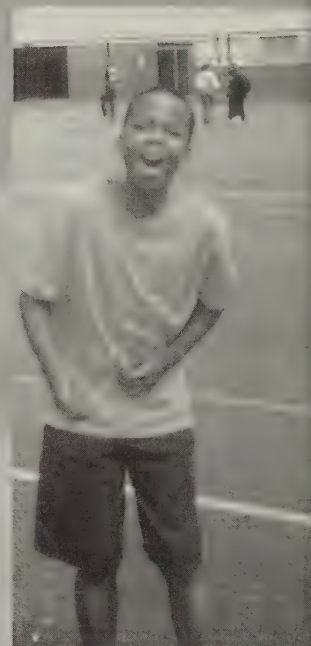
Grade 12: 110 Students



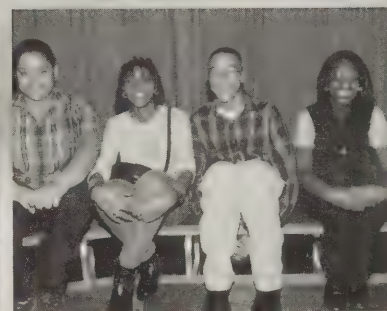


# Remember When?

1. We did not dance at the pep rally in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. "The villains"
3. It was first come first serve at lunch
4. The school did not have surveillance cameras.
5. Toya went "skurt is ya heard" when Curtis tripped her.
6. Finnie cut her hair and it grew back the next week.
7. Willie jumped out the box at the pep rally in the tight postal suit, and refused to get off he floor.
8. Jessi jumped out the window and ripped her pants.
9. Kiana cried over a turkey and cheese sandwich.
10. Letitia put dead frogs on people's lockers.
11. Senioritis kicked in "Pep rally week"
12. We ran out four Spanish teachers.
13. We used to fight on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor by the front stairwell everyday after school.
14. We were ready to pose every time somebody bursed out a camera.
15. Tamra choked Kenya up.
16. Yusef broke Mr. Moore's window.
17. Ian was Christina Aguliera for Moulin Rouge.
18. We cut Saturday school in the girl's bathroom.
19. Everybody used to hop the back gate to escape school.
20. Truancy caught Leah and Letitia at the gate.
21. John B, Khalil, Elijah, Shamarr, Willie, and that whole crew used to sabotage everything.
22. Toya tooth was not chipped.
23. Al-Tariq bookbag was a stolen car.
24. Remember when Ms. Hewett caught Trina under the influence.
25. Kevin got served with Southern Hospitality (throw them bows)
26. The reenactment of the assembly "unsolved mystery".
27. We had a boy v.s. girl snowball fight and the boys had all the snow on their side.
28. Sharif and Jermaine battled for CD sales.
29. Vincent was attacked in a circle by master splinter.
30. Tritina fainted on stage at the Christmas concert.
31. John B. was a klepto.
32. They compared the chocolate Got Milk poster to a fellow classmate's lip.
33. Jessica had the Million Man March April of 2002.
34. Dr. Manas stuff always turned up stolen...eraser...pencil sharpener...door stop...radio...etc
35. Shantah bashed Elijah with a milk..
36. You thought you would have the same friends by the beginning of your senior year.
37. Willie caused Kizzy go headfirst into the locker.
38. Finnie yelled she would not press charges if someone returned her stolen money.
39. Kiana went on stage in front of the entire school and froze.
40. Tracey yelled "freshmen" at the assembly program.
41. Our performance was cut short at the pep rally our junior year.
42. Ms. Rojy's A.P. Biology class was always separated....the suburbs v.s. the ghetto.
43. We used to play spades for chump change. (Jing Spice).
44. Everyone cried at our final Pep Rally at U.H.S.









• dominate • rule • we are #1

# SEN

• the best • dominate • the best • we are #1 • rule •



• dominate • the best • the cream of the crop •



# ORS

rule • we are #1 • dominate •



• the Best • the Cream of the crop • we are #1 • rule •

• the best • the cream of the crop • we are #1 •



FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER  
For the first time ever  
In a life of our own  
We take a glance back to see how we have grown  
From little boys and girls  
Into ladies and gentlemen  
Life passed us by like an autumn wind.  
We began so long ago and made many friends  
Now our journey through this era has come to an end  
The times we laughed, cried, and debated  
To the parties, games and homework we hated  
The pep rallies and the athletic teams we called our own,  
Helped us to establish UHS as  
Our own home away from home.  
For the first time ever we recognize and see  
There will never be a class like the class of 2003.  
-KIANA COLLINS,  
Class of 2003

# *Six Year Students*





# *Lights, Camera, Action!*





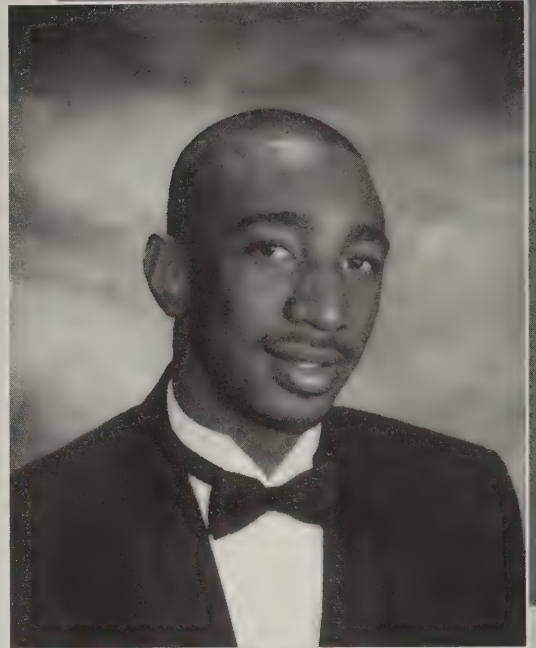
# Desmond Abrams

I can't believe that it is finally senior year, and we are about to graduate. I can't for the life of me think of where the time went. But I do know that I was totally and fully involved with my music.

I would like to give thanks to my family for all their love, support and guidance. I may not have been all that I could have been, but your love was a constant in my life. I give thanks to my teachers, most particularly to Mr. Corley and Mr. Clementson. They are fine musicians and mentors. I won't forget my friends. We traveled far and had good times together. We missed a few classes here and there, but For the First Time Ever, we won't go into that.

Keep in touch.

Des



# Imesia Aimable



Where does the time go? I still remember coming to University High School, knowing very few people, and not being sure whether or not I liked this place. But as it turns out, I've made friends among the students and the teachers and I can say For the First Time – I've had a wonderful high school life, despite some of the ups and downs.

I give profound thanks for my family, my mother, most especially. I thank you for your love and concern, and always making sure that I did the right thing.

I thank my friends for giving me support when times were rough, and for the laughs at the lunch table. I am taking some great memories of our days at Big Uni.

Much success to the Class of 2003.



# Krystle Allen

I'm graduating!

It's been a long hard road, but very much worthwhile.

I would like to thank my family for all their unconditional love and support through some very difficult times. You were always supportive and loving and I appreciate it more than I have ever said. I love you.

My thanks and love also reaches my friends, who are too numerous to mention. For the First Time Ever, I want to publicly thank you for helping me with my notes, my equipment, listening to my poetry, and being great friends.

My teachers have been wonderfully instructive and caring as well, and I want to thank them from the bottom of my heart.

Let's keep in touch, for who knows what life will bring us, or where it will take us.

Krystal



# Tiffany Allison



For The First Time Ever I realize that nothing I dream of would be possible without my lord & savior **Jesus Christ** who has been my cornerstone since Feb.6, 1985 I LUV U! To my beautiful and loving Mommy who has supported me nonstop through the hardest 4 years of any persons life, I LUV U! Bangie, words can't express how much I appreciate all that you have taught me, thanks for being the best big brother possible, I LUV U! Ginia, You are one grandma to be reckoned with, thanks for all your support, I LUV U! To Violet, Nae-Nae, & Nessa thanks for being my 2nd mothers, and for all your support, I LUV U! To my girl Keeda, thanks for being a true friend, you were there for me when I wasn't there for myself, I LUV U! My Baby girls, Vonja, Kya, and Tiara, auntie luvs you always! To the rest of My Fam thanks for all the advice & criticism, you've helped to prepare me for the world, R.I.P Mekil and Uncle Keith. I LUV U! To my fellow grads Trina, Jess, Finni, Trish, Pudgy, Shant, Dirah, Toya, Mama, Naiya, Sal, Jameel, Ant, Kev, Curt, Eli, Pooh, Reem, John(all), Will, Shay, Reef, Darryl(s), Qadri, Ro and Fu...good luck! To my U/C peeps Shi-Shi (my sis), Anya, Lamar and Phil, I

LUV U! Lastly to Uni, thanks for helping me grow into a beautiful young lady, I LUV U!

To my friend \_\_\_\_\_, I will never forget you, good luck!



# Kenya A. Amons



First & foremost I would like to thank God who is my all, with God I learned I always have choices which are sometimes only of faith & wisdom. To my parents thank for all you have done for me and dealing with me I luv u deeply. . To Grammy & the family thank you for all you have done for me & talking sense into me. My years at UHS have been memorable & for the 1st time ever I have learned that life isn't about what happens to you but what you do after. To my best friend Star thank you for being there when I needed you. I know we experienced nonsense but it has only made our friendship stronger. To Poodle, at first I didn't like you but when I got to know you I did. To Whitiker tell Jahosophate about me. To Sandradna M, Mirah I'll miss our talks. To Liah & crew it your turn now. To my best male friends Chris & Jerm thank you for listening when it really mattered. To the people I had a love/hate relationship with thank you for showing me that you have to choose your friends carefully. To Kev P, Kelly started it now lets finish it. Luv you. To my other half thank you for being there for me, showing me that things can only go as far as I want them to & how to luv unconditionally you complete me. *"He said he said its over sadly he said."*

Luv, Kenya

# Madirah Ashraf

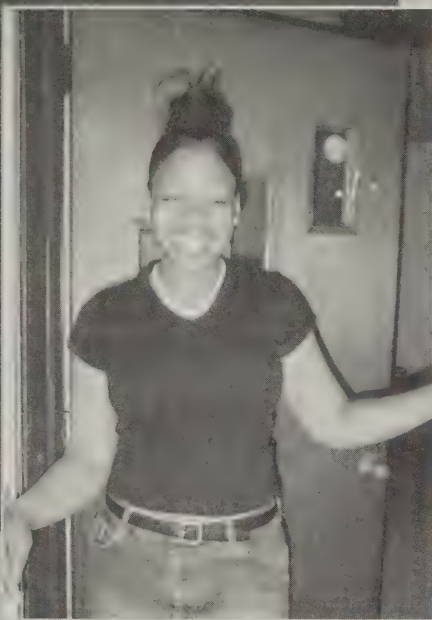
I would like to thank the Almighty God Allah; without him none of my goals would be accomplished. I would like to thank: Mommy for being the best mother and father that any child could imagine. Gammi I Love You. I couldn't ask for a better role model and grandmother than you. I thank the both of you for life and guidance. When I chose to do inappropriate things that hurt us as a family, the two of you guided me back to the right path. Poppy I love you for the man and grandfather that you are. Uncle Ibn, boy you know I love you. Special shout outs to Shantah Ibn Catrina Quiesha and Patricia I love y'all. Shant you know since the 6st grade we had a bond that stuck like glue. You're the other half of me and no one can change that. Ill Trill Ootay and Tricia Thank you for the warm open arms y'all greeted me with when I came to UHS. To my special peoples of class "03" Thank you too, for being as cool as y'all could be. (Eli Will the Johns the Darrlys Khalil Finney the Twins Tiff Tariq Eb Michelle Ant 1 Jameel Mirah the Toyas Jennifers Erricka Kev Kareem Curtis Shamarr Tyrone.) To all the staff, I know that you'll miss me and Tricia hanging, but it ain't over. Mr. Leon, I thank you for making my best high school days at UHS. Good Luck at all you do.





# Naiya Atkins

*The Lord is my light and my salvation... The Lord is the strength of my life... Psalm 27*



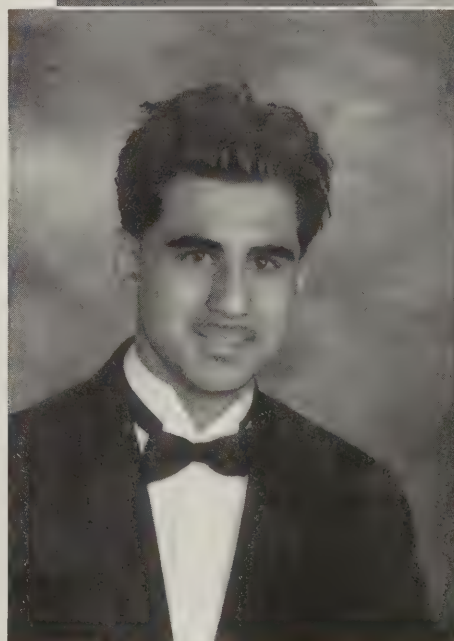
**T**hrough my six years here at *University High School* I have grown from a young shy girl to a productive young woman. I would like to first thank *GOD* for he is the reason for my existence. Thank you to all the teachers, administrators, mentors, and adults that believed in me. To all my friends at *University* and outside of school, thank you for your support, you do not know how much you just being a *friend* meant to me. Sharonda, my *Best Friend*, only *GOD* knows how much I appreciate and *love* you, thank you for being a part of my life. I would like to thank my family for always encouraging me to go with my heart. *Love* goes to Edward (Stepfather), Sophia (Stepmother), Jamir (Nephew), Shakirah (Cousin), Jihad (Brother), Safiyyah (Sister), Callie (Grandma), Joseph (Grandpa), Ronald (Daddy), and Betty (Mommy), thank you all for what you have done for me.

*For the First Time Ever* have I reflected on my life and realized how blessed and lucky I am to be surrounded by so many wonderful people who all in one way or another sculpted me into the person I am today. *University* I will never forget you; you will always have a very special place in my heart. The memories that have shared here are priceless and can never be replaced.

# Sagub Awan

**I**t's been 4 years and for the first time ever I'm graduating from *University High School* and going into the real world

But first and foremost I like to thank **ALLAH**, for helping me get through all the hard times and without him I wouldn't get this far. I also like to thank my family, Mom, Dad, Mehwish, Ali, and Ummar. They have been there by my side since day one. Shout out to my *ILL HILL* hommies, What's good: Naz, Uneeq, Annee, Riz, Nadir, Saddam, Shah, Khurram, Yous, Baheer, Chuno, and Asif; who be just keepin it real. Shout out to the c/o 2003; John H, Oochie, Scooby, Lil Daryl, Dez, Mack, Fatty Meel, Ant-1, Sharif, John Doe, Khalil, Shay, Clint, Vince, Curt, Kev, Reem, Shamar, Sloppe, Javier, and Joedy. To all my shorties that be rappin c/o 2003; Catrina, Amirah, Jennifer M, Kareen, Latoya L, Latoya Vaden, The Twins, Lissete, Emma, Michelle, Oshaira, Kizzy, Tiffany, Kash, Naiya, Ootay, Arielise, Erin, Erica C, and Robin. I would like to thank all the teachers like Mrs. Burroughs, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Mohammad, Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Heyl, Mrs. Blackman, Mr. Leon, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Haden, Mrs. Mahon; who have been there for me all the time when ever I needed help. For the first time ever I will be going on a new adventure that will take me towards different aspects of life.

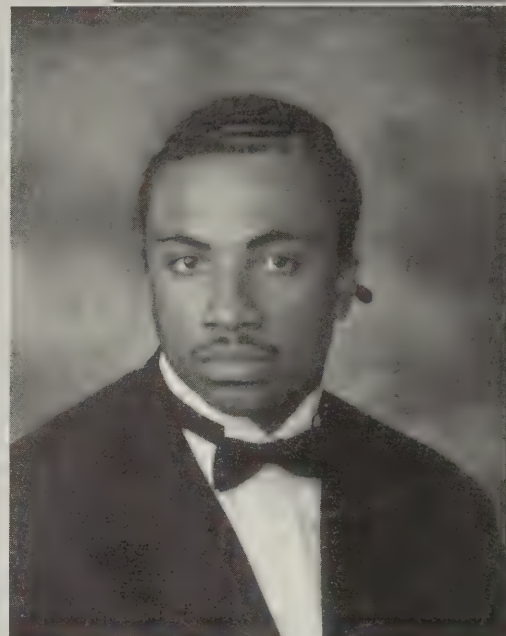




# Shay Barnes

**F**or the first time ever: First and foremost I want to thank God for getting me to this point of my life; I made it. These six years at University went by so fast; they were the best years of my life. I was able to mature as a person. I am going to miss my days at University but it is time to move on. I have to thank my grandmother for making me go to school and not missing a day in six years. I also want to thank my Aunt Ms. Barnes for staying on my case and pushing me to do better.

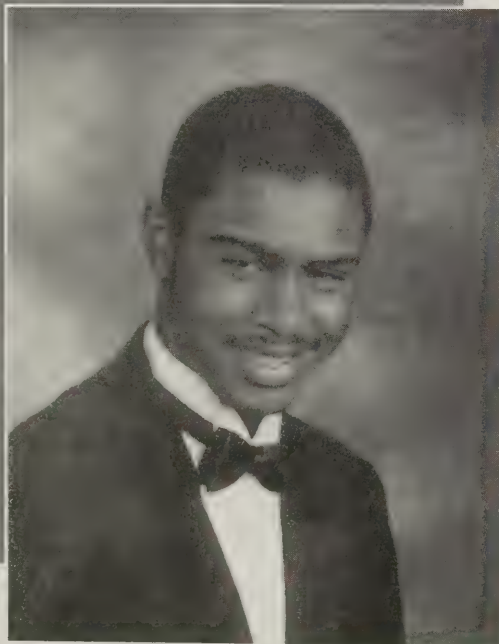
I want to give a special shout out to Ms. Hewitt, Ms. DeVaughn, Mr. Alexander, Mr. C, Basim, Mrs. Gironda, Mrs. Mahon, Ms. Melvin, Coach Mike, and Coach B for what they have done for me. I also want to give a special shout out to the class of 2003, my mother and best friend Naiya, Dez, Al- Tariq, Kizzy, Sharonda, Emma, Shamarr, Khalil, Kiana, Johnathan (Mark), Taraiya, Asiah, Jessica, Leah, The Twins, Elijah, John (all), Willie, Kareen, Camille, Big D, Little D, Catrina, Jameel, Dana, Claudia, Melvin, Darrel O, Erricka, Kashiera, Kenya, Tamra, Curtis, Shantah, Antwan, Vincent, Tanisha, Tiffany (all), Latrecia, Nicole (all) Oshaira, Tracey, Thomas (all), Tyrone (all), Erin, Chante, Latoya (all), Kareem, Tritina, Patrica, Jennifer (all), Kevin, Amirah, Saqub, Robin, Naza, Ebony, and the rest of the University Family.



# Thomas Barnes

**M**y time at University High School has been one of highs and lows. My abilities as a student and as a person have been pushed to their limits. I have achieved much more than I ever could before coming to U.H.S. I owe a great deal of my mental and spiritual growth to Ms. Hewett, Ms. Gironda, Ms. DeVaughn, Mr. Husain, and Mr. Velazquez. I also want to thank Ms. Beaumont for being there for me during the past four years. My friends also helped me grow and be a happier, better-rounded person. So I want to say thank you to Clint, Tanya, Dana, Tarae, Lynette, Philishia, Latoya Loyal, Samantha, Danielle Oglesby, Naiya, and Aileen. I also want to thank everyone else that I cannot remember right now. I hope that everyone enjoyed their time at University High School, and that we will all continue our friendship for years to come. For *The First Time Ever*, I can say that I left a lasting influence upon a person or community. And I feel confident that the impact that the Class of 2003 has made on the school and the community will live on. There

were a few times when I felt as if my world was crashing down around me, but when I thought about what I was trying to accomplish and why I was going to school, I focused my energy and redoubled my efforts to succeed. I say peace and prosperity to you all. So long for now!

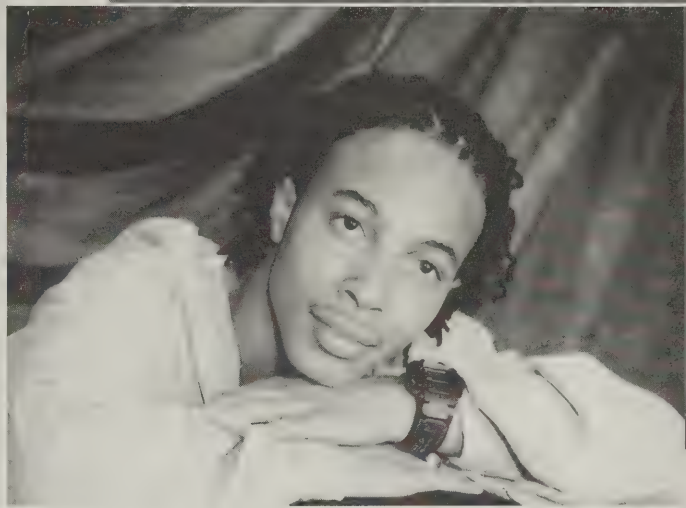




# Al-Tariq Bell

Life here at University has been a joyous and trying experience. Through these years my life has change drastically. I have grown from a boy to a mature young man. I have learned patience and tolerance. In learning these things I have gained love and great everlasting friendships.

My thanks to the almighty Allah for giving me the strength to succeed. My mother for your love and support. My father Ahmed, you are truly a blessing. My Sister and my many Brothers: I love you. To my family you are all in my heart. For always being there Aunt Claire, Sharon, Grandma, Kinyetta, and Dad Lonell. Nicole you are like a gem so precious and beautiful. I have cherished the time that we have spent together. I look forward to our future, I love you.



To my best friends Tricia and Sharonda keep up the good work. Sista Tip, Trecia, Trina1, Trina2, Ootay, Millie, Mine, Jess, Shant, Trace, Dirah, Eb, Naiya, Ty, Keeda, Auntie, Toyas, Chelle, Kareen...Kev, Curt, Reem, Darryl 1,2, Will, Eli, Jon 1,2,3, Ant, Meel, Habeeb...Cousins Anthony & Akeem. Maggy, the underclassmen and teachers.

For the First Time Ever my stay here has come to an end and where there's an end there is always a beginning. But as I begin my new journey I must say that you guys will be missed, but never for gotten. I love you and I wish you the best.

# Caprice Black

In loving memory of Takiyah "Toddy" Todd.

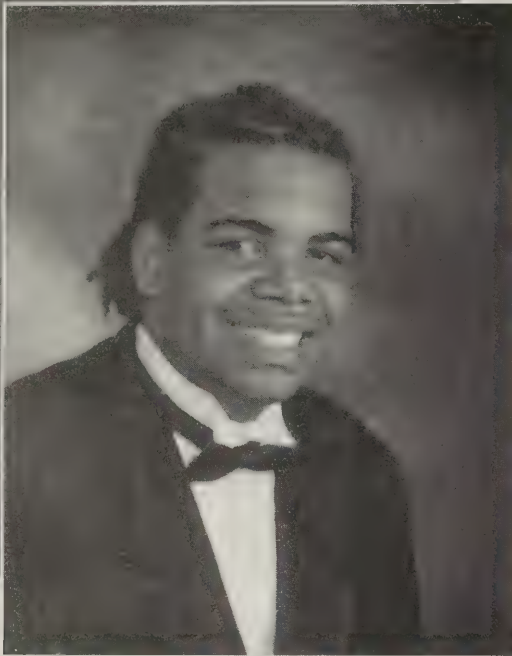
Lord, where would I be if it had not been for your grace... Daddy, we will meet again. I love you with all my heart and I know we will be reunited again. The time has come to say goodbye to my friends. I would 1<sup>st</sup> like to thank my aunt. Now I understand that you are helping & not hurting me. I love you. Mommy, I love you. Dooly, we argue but you keep me sane. Watch out for those fast girls & don't drive aunt Maryann crazy. THE CLASS OF 2003, I LOVE MOST OF YA'LL! Khandy, you are nuts, but you're an intelligent young lady. Keep making honor roll! SeSe, you must have hit your head a couple of times, but you turned out to be a great friend. Make your super honor roll and take care of your boo. Stay sweet. My people: I love ya'll. To all of the teachers @ UHS, thank you for everything. To all the HATERS: you only made me stronger, so keep it up! My sweetheart Var, thank you for making me smile when I was upset. Don't change. My Xino sisters, ya'll are my backbone and I love ya'll girls! Period 6 Trig, we had some good

times. I'll miss ya'll. (even Marcus!) Azmar, Benoit and my little sister India, ya'll are cool people; even though ya'll are young. And FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I Can Truly Say That I'm Out!





# Doremus Botts



**W**e're graduating! I am so happy; I don't know if I can express just how that makes me feel. I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. I love you all.

I can't forget my teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge.

To all my friends – You are the best that this school has to offer. I loved chilling with you in the cafeteria and after school. I will always remember you. I'm sorry that I can't give you individual shout-outs, but space is limited.

Keep In Touch, and good luck.

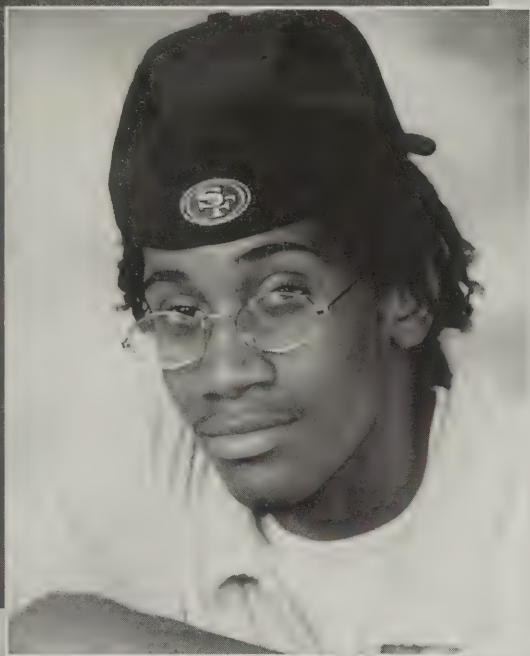
# Amirah Branch

**I** can't believe after 6 years, I would be exiting U.H.S. with such wonderful people. I couldn't have asked for a better graduating class. Mommy, thank you for being my backbone and encouraging me to strive hard for what I believe in. I love you! Angela, my mentor; I couldn't have asked for a better sister. R.I.P. Grandma; I wish you could have been here to see me. Grandma Marcia; thanks for being there for me. To my best friend Janetha; we've been through our ups and downs, but we maintained our friendship. Without you there is no me. My second mother and little sister Carla and Essence; I love you! My first U.H.S. friend, Emma; stay sweet! Letitia, we haven't always gotten along, but I've learned to understand you. Loretta; I'm still mad at you for leaving. Twins; stay sweet and never forget me. Nakiya, Keila, Ty, Trecia, Toya Kenya Parker Te Star and Toya; lunch table crew. Catrina and Ootay; ignore what others say you two are sweet. To Naiya Sharonda Al-Tariq, Saqub, Tyrone, Nikki, Mine, Jennifer, Trina, Kev, Reem, Sharif, Elijah, Nadirah, Tricia, Cuttino, Shamarr, Shayna, Kizzy, and the rest of c/o 2003; best wishes in the future. Mrs. Burroughs; thank you for the 5 paragraph essays. Mr. Leon, thank you for Saturday Academy. *For those who didn't like me, you've only helped me like myself more.* For the first time ever I don't care what others say because I made it.





# John E. Brown



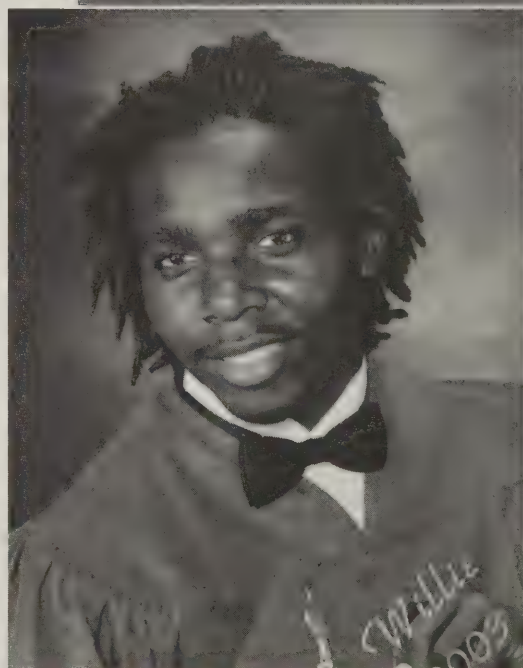
All thanks to my Lord Jesus; the reason I made it these six years. Much appreciation to my parents John & Shirley Brown. To my role models: (Big sis.) Francis, also (Big brothers) Willie & Wayne. Shout outs to my lil sisters Vanetta & Vanessa, also to my niece & nephew. Big Ups to my 12th & 10th St. family. All my U.H.S. soldiers: Shay, Shamarr (Pooh), Lil Khalil, the Darrel's, Curt flirt, Ill Will, Eli-187, Cateyes, Austin (Sparc), Kev., Tricia, Kiana, the Trina's, Samantha, Sharonda, Rodney, Vince, Eric, Jonathan, the Toya's, Ina, Ootay, Nadirah, Sloppe', Jameel, Sharif, Ant. & any others I forgot much luv. To my lil sis. Victoria, one luv. Can't forget Mr. A & Mrs. Burroughs. Another special woman, Mary Jane, luv u. To them who ever tried to play me you know what you can do. To the c/o 2003, most creative, most Wild, & the most rowdy class in U.H.S. history Let's Get Out And Turn America Upside Down. We took U.H.S. thru hell & back! We put U.H.S. on the map! Now we're leaving. I won't forget you. However, Uni. keep striving for excellence; always #1. U.H.S. Menaces: J-Beezy, Lil #3, Pooh #17, Eli #187, Ill Will #2, LD, John Doe, etc.

# Willie Brown

First and for most I would like to thank **GOD** for all his continuous blessings, without him I would have not made it this far. To my *Mother* thanks for all your never-ending love, you are truly the light and inspiration of my life. To my late Father *Willie Brown Sr. R.I.P.* To my sisters, brothers, and the remainder of my family thank you for all your love and support. I would like to thank Ms. DeVaughn for her tough love (Bitter but Sweet). Ms. Hewett, Ms. Turner, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Leon, and the rest of the faculty and staff thanks for all your life lessons. To my hommies *Elijah, Jhamarr, Darryl, Darryl, Johnathan, Khalil, Kareem, Curt, Kevin, John, Shay, Rodney, Jhamil, Antwan, Tyrone, Al-Tariq, Clint, Vincent, Melvin, Darammus, and Desmond* you guys are more than just friends you are my brothers and I love you for life.

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**May God bless you all!**





# Kareen Bruce

For the first time ever, I'm realizing that my childhood's coming to an end, and we're all growing up and moving on. For the past six years, school has been a struggle, but thank God I've had people by my side to help me cope. Thank you, mommy and daddy, I know I can be a little spoiled, but I definitely need you, and appreciate all you've done for me, love you. Thanks Kern for being the ideal big brother, I envy you because you are everything I want to be, keep working that Ivy League college out. Thank you Jennifer, you are the sister I never had, and I doubt I would have survived this "Dante's Inferno" without you, love you. Much love to all my "bestfriends" and busbuddies". Love you Tracey, Dana (*stay strong and continue to make mommy proud*), Eli, prom date Jonathon, King Shamarr, my "*glamour girls*" Ty(twin) and Millie( you're cool, much respect), aunty Shavonte, Babyhair, aunty Shayna, TWINZ, Claudia, Nutbush, Yvonne, Naiya, Sharonda, and my crazy "mother" Asiah, thanks for being so free spirited. Thanks aunty Ming it'll take more than Sept. 11, to bring you down, thanks Bubby, Candycane, and all my aunts and uncles. Much love to my "*other brother*" Kev, you're awesome, thanks for being a good friend, a sweetheart, and much more. Thanks "momma" Howard and Mrs G. for uncovering my love for English, and to the class of 2003, good luck with everything you do.



# Elena Bryant

Thank You God for being my truth, my way and my light, you have kept me on a straight and narrow path, and kept me going in the right direction, and I could never thank you enough. Now to my mother and father, without you two I know I could not have done this life thing without you. Thank you's: To my family and friends for all your love and support. I wanna give a shout out to all my peoples Erica, Nikki, Sheira, Tanya, Philly, Lynette (chilli's), Addy, Asiah, Tamyra, Ootay, Samantha, Sharif, Tarae, Al-Sal (real world and buffy), Finnie (my song partner), Errickah (you know what you are), loud Toya, Michele, Shemarr, Ian, Dominique, China, Shalia, Parise, Tanisha, Chardonnae, Vernon, Arthur, Desmond, twins, Latrecia, Chonte'. I love and like so many people that I can't write everybody's name, but everybody I forgot, I didn't forget.

When we were young, we dreamed of this year  
We imagined hugs, laughter and cheers  
Now that it's come, we're dreading that day  
The day it's over, the day we'll all go away  
We see cries, hurt, and sorrow  
Hesitating tomorrow

*"For the first time ever"* we are united as one,  
Although it has come to an end,  
The class of 2003 will never be done.





# Tanya Bunche

For the first time ever, I say goodbye to the past, and welcome the future with open arms. I want to thank all of my family members. Thank you, mom, dad, grandma, and Ebony for always being there for me and pushing me to do my best, I love you all. Grandma, I'll keep that promise. To Philishia, Aileen, Lynette, Arielise, Lazia, Lissette, Elena, Erica, D. Morris, Tarac, Tariya, Imesia, Yvonne, Clint, Javier, Jermine, Thomas B. and the rest of you know who you are, you are all of my best friends. I'll truly miss you when I'm in college. To Oglesby, you are a stronger person now and you must realize that. You must take care of yourself and if you ever need me, you know how to contact me. Whether you know or not, I'll always be watching over you, so you will never be alone. Thank you to all my teachers: Mrs. Andrews, Ms. Wing, Mrs. Devaughn, Ms. Rojy, Mrs. Louiseau, Mr. Velezques and Mr. Hussain, I never enjoyed English, literature, history, math, and science until I was in your classes. To Mrs. Savitz and Mr. Hayes, thanks for making model un and shot put fun for us, I'll miss you. To the class of 2003, I wish you all the best and may you all succeed in the positive things you do in life.



# Shantah Bush

First, I want to thank Allah. Without him, life wouldn't exist. I would like to thank my family: Mommy & Big Daddy for support, guidance, discipline, loving me & keeping' my face in the books. Yasir & Jihad for getting on my nerves and being so lovable. Ameera & Sharonda for being supportive, loving, giving, & being there for a wonderful sister like me. Grandma, Auntie, Uncle G, Trav, and Junior for loving and caring for me. Cousins Esh, B, D, Caressa for guidance & support. My best friend Naza, I'll Always Love You. You've been here since the 6<sup>th</sup> and you'll be here until the end. Mommy Al-Nisa it has been a pleasure being your 2<sup>nd</sup> child. Love ya for support and a roof when needed. Tanisha just be easy, Luv You, I'm around the corner. Curtis, I hate expressing words on paper, but the days we've had together have been greater than words can express. Hope there will be more days to come. I'll always cherish your kindness. I'll

Always Love You Boo!! Gerald & Imani hold him down. Lamar, take control baby. Daisy & Jenkins stop letting kids beat you up. Pop & Hewitt thanks for everything. All my other friends: Sal, Trina, Kiana, Queisha, Finnie, Jess, Tiff, Ant, Biggie, Will, E, Kev, Catrina, Tricia, Pudgie, Rodney, Pooh, and Reem. For the First time ever I felt welcome entering a new school because of all of your love and I thank you.

If I missed you sign here \_\_\_\_\_.  
As-Salaam





# Keila Catching



My past six years here at University High school have not been without challenges and celebrations. Who else can thank for that other than my teachers, friends and family? Without them, I do not know how I would have made it. Much thanks to my mother, grandmother, sister's and brother: April Holley, Kenya and Chris. Also to my Dear Friends, Emma, gir I have known you since we were in Pre-k, and we are still tight. A friendship that strong is very rare and I hope that we remain friends forever. Shanell, shake them haters off cause you will be a model and actress. Mad shout outs to my people: Amirah, Zakiyyah, Star, Naiya, Sharonda, Nakiya, Toya, Leah, Taraiya Johnathan, Tamra, Camille, Sharif, and Tracey. Without y'all, things would have not been as interesting as they were. My years here have truly been memorable. **For The First Time Ever**, I have reached a major goal in my life that opens the door for more opportunities. I have grown so much as a person and I am so grateful for the people who have helped me to get here. Much love and success to the unforgettable class of 2003. It took a lot of work and determination but we did it!

# Emmanuella Charles

*For the first time ever*, I can say that I have finally made it through the first phase of life. As I look back at the six years here at University, I have come to realize that I have matured a great deal and learned life long lessons through my fellow peers. At this time I would like to send a special thanks to my mother for being there when needed. For the past 17 years you have struggled a great deal to create a safe and understanding environment for me, and I treasure that. To my Sister and Brother, I Love You and I would die for you. To Fr. Paul, you have been the best father figure in my life. Thank you very much.

I cannot forget about you Monica. We have been through it all; trust me, I will never forget you, and I love you, Pookie! Keila, we've been together since birth, what a better friend words cannot express how much you mean to me. And Mirah, you were my first friend here at University, we'll be friends for life.

To the Class of 2003, Thank you for molding me into the woman I am today. I will never forget any of you because you each have a special place in my life.

Love Always  
Da Queen E.





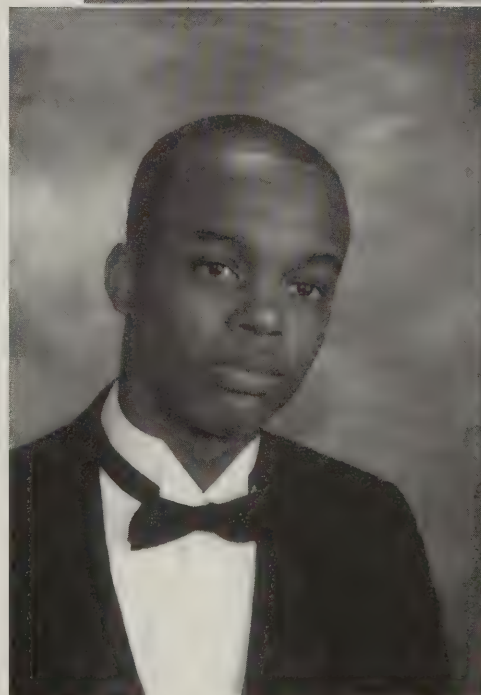
# Sharif Charles



For the first time ever, I have finally realized what essentials I need to succeed in life. I have realized how I am blessed. The love of God has finally dwelled on me. I would like to give thanks to God, who is the head of my life. Without Him, all things fail. God has truly altered my life. He helped me through all the trials and tribulations, in which I endured. I would like to give thanks to my family: Mom, without you, I would not be where I am today. Kasha, Tisha, Tonya, Kee-Kee, Ken, and Terrell: Thanks for the much needed support. To my grandparents: thank y'all for the much needed wisdom. I would also like to give appreciation to the teachers of UHS, without y'all, I would not be here writing my last will & testament. I would like to say farewell to all my friends from UHS: John Doe, Curt, Pooh, 69, Will, Macc, Shay, Darryls, John, Saq, & Clint. To all the ladies: Leah: hope you make it singing, Finnie, Mantha, Asiah, Mirah, Tamra, Whitiker, Elena, Toyas, Raiyah, Ronda, Tiffany, Kianas, Catrina, Jessie, Trina, Nikki, Dana, Kash, Tanya, Felicity, & Lynette. Underclassmen: Chanel, Nicole, Maggie, Kia, Jasmine, and Lamothe. I want to thank y'all. With the help, support, guidance, input, , and criticisms of the previously named people I have finally realized that life at UHS was great... *"for the first time ever."*

# Shamarr Cohen

I feel that I would have never reached this point without the help, love, and support of God, my moms, my pops, and the rest of my family. I would also like to thank my teachers, friends, Mr. Leon, and Ms. Haden for showing me love, offering advice, and pushing me towards success. To my Homies: J-Beezy, Shay Beezy, Curt, Lil, Eli, Reem, Qib, Kev, Mel, Fatty Meel, Ant-1, Will, Scoob, Starks, John Doe, J-Hood, Tyrone, Al-tariq, Hotrod, Clint, Valdez, Woo, Spark, Pac, Chad, Ramel, Chaz, Eric, Jordan, Catman, Ian, Carlton, Sharif, Vince and Thomas, I love y'all, man. To all my ladies: Michelle, Tricia, Sharonda, Shantah, Naiya, Finnie, Nicole J, Leah, Trecia, Catrina, Ootay, Trina, Tiffany A, Kizzy, Tiffany M, Erin, Jessie, Kiana, Nadirah, Ebony, All 3 Toyas, Ashley B, Porsha, Starkeia, Tamra, Robin, Chonte', Tangy, Shieedah, Erricka, Keyana, Claudia, Both Jennifers, Audrey, Ashley A, Kash, The Twins, Kenya, and Asiah, I love y'all too. If I forgot you, my fault, I still got love for you. **For the first time ever...** I feel like I am maturing as a man. *One !*

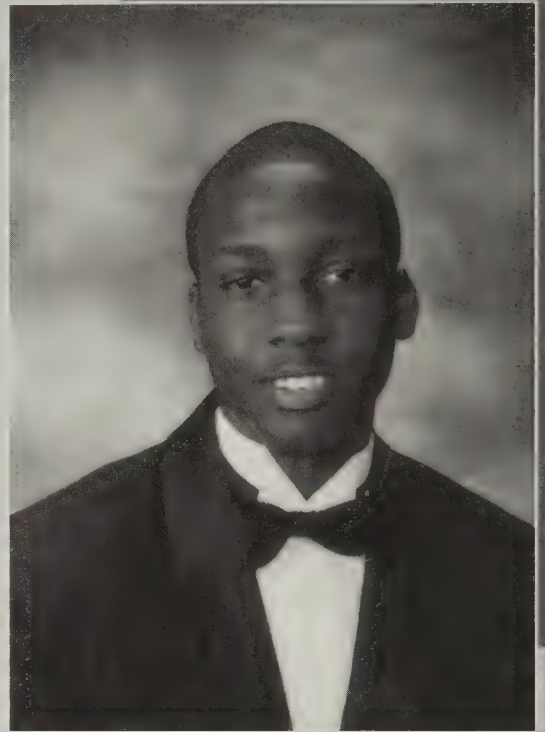




# Khalil Coleman

**A**bove all things, I would like to **THANK GOD**, w/o him I would not have made it to this point. First, I would like to give much respect to the staff who helped me during my six years at this school. Staff: Ms. Madison, Ms. James, Ms. Melvin, Mr. A and my school mom Mrs. Burroughs. To the two people that were with me for the longest and never gave up on me, Ms Hewett and Mrs. Mahon, I luv y'all and will never forget y'all. Thanks to the things that made me happy over these six years: Causing trouble, playing sports, and just having fun. Though this adventure is coming to an end, I would like to give thanks to the most important people in my school life. To my women: Asiah, Keyana, Shavon, Tamra (who's been with me all my life), Tricia, Tritina, Kiana, Catrina, Erricka, Kizzy, Nadirah, Twins, Michelle, Ootay, Shantah, Latoyas, Erin, Kizzy, and Tyeisha. Last, but not least my closest homies: Johnathan and Elijah, also: Willie, Shammar, J-Beezy, Rodney, Scooby, Shay, Darryl, Curt, John, Saqub, Sloppe', Ant-1, Fatty Mil, and Kev.

Before I close, I must give much respect and thanks to the most important person in my life, Kirisha Coleman. My mother has been there when everyone was against me. She is only one of a few parents who have been at this school more than some of the students. Thanks Ma. I Love You.



# Kiana Collins

**F**or the first time ever I sit back and think of all the memories shared with c/o 2003. six years went by fast.

Thanx to my heavenly father. Through him all things are possible.

Mommie & Daddie: much luv & thanx for alwayz believing in me and making me into the beautiful person I am. To my other umi Dawn: luv u, you've treated me like your own & helped me so much.

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I luv u more than love itself. "When you need a shoulder to lean on never hesitate, knowing you can call on ya soul-mate" Nipsy I luv you babie..my best-friend for ever. Snake, Joe, Tim, Shoob...Keep brightening them rainy dayz Now to the seniorz...*whatz really really good Seniorettiez:*

Mama, Trina (Gimme 2), MC, Jessi, Ootay, Tanisha, Pudgie, Stinkfeet, Tyih, Shant, Leah, Toya-Goya, Sista, Mantha, Trecia, Letitia, Tricia, Mirah, Robin, Chunky, Key Seniorz: Al Sal, Ant, Meel, Lil, Ill Will, Eli, 69, Kev, John doe, Pooh, Rodney, Curt-Flirt, Shay, Scoob, Ian, Rif My underclassmen peepz **Aw I'm BoUt To CrY...sike** Lady Phoenix B-ball...V-ball...S-ball...Hold me down Hewett, Tierney, Schiele, Turner, Johnson, Melvin...Haters finish the rest

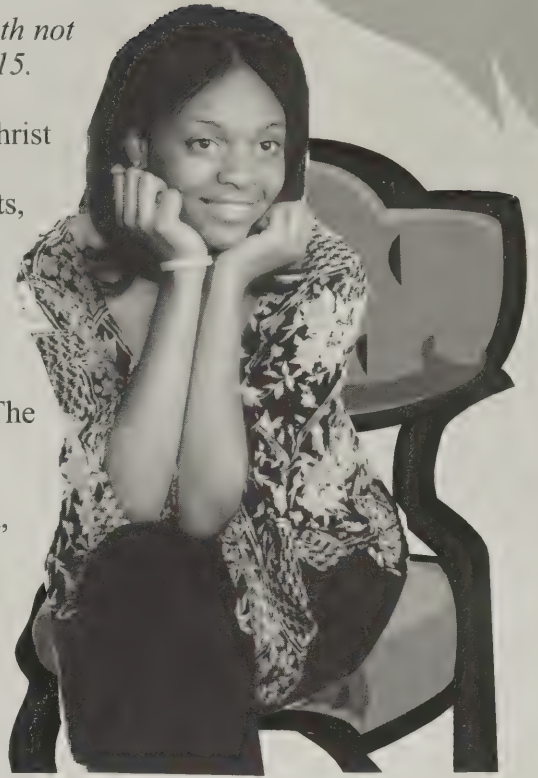




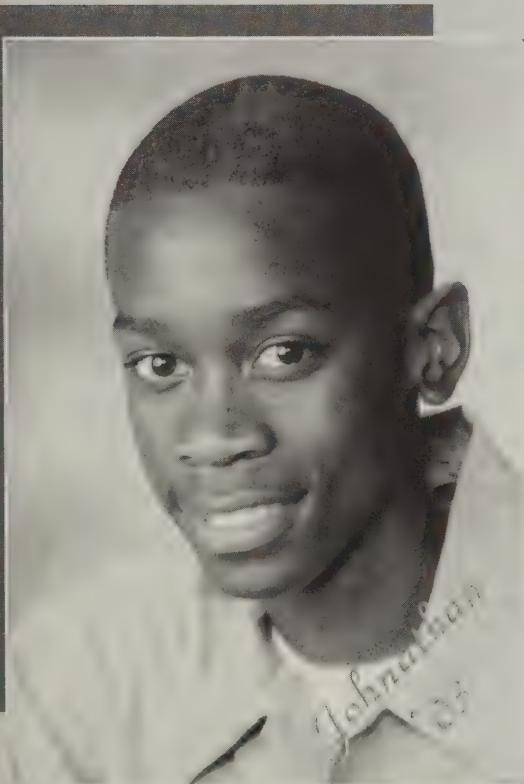
# Erricka Cuttino

*"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15.*

First and foremost, giving honor to my lord and savior Jesus Christ for with him all things are possible. Special thanks to my grandparents for having beautiful kids whom I can call my parents, especially to my mommy; you have played the role of mommy and daddy and independently at that. I love you mommy. My little sister Sarah, there is nothing that I would not do for you. Michelle, you have inspired me to become a sophisticated virtuous woman. I love you. To all of my aunt's uncles, and cousins, especially Aunt Cynthia and Uncle Lonnie, I love you. The entire NEBC family, God bless you all. To the love of my life, Quadir, you have given me the best three years of my life, I love you so much. To the class of 2003, Trecia, Ty, Ootay, Jesse, Erin, Jennifer (all), Toya (all), Naza, Bruce, Mirah, Leah, Shay, Shamarr, Reem, Kev, Elijah, Lil, Vince, John (all), Jameel, Willie, and Curt. I love each one of you in a special way. If I failed to put your name, do not blame my heart or my mind, blame the space I have. To the staff, especially Mr. Leon, Mrs. Rivera, and Mrs. De Vaughn, thanks for inspiration. ***For the First Time Ever*** I wish this school year would never end, but...class is dismissed, and I'm out!



# Johnathan Davis



For the first time ever, it seems like it is almost over. It seems just like yesterday, we were all in seventh grade or freshmen coming to University for the first time. Now we are all about to graduate. I must thank God for giving us this opportunity. It feels so good, but at the same time, it feels so sad. I have known all of you for years and now it hurts my heart to know that we are all about to go our separate ways. However, I cannot shed too many tears because I have so many memories of you all. That's why I am going to tell you that I will miss all of you. I am certainly going to miss all of my Bergen family: Asiah, Keyana, Tamara, Shavon, Elijah, and Khalil. All of you have saved spots in my heart. I am definitely going to miss bugging out with you all. That's my boys: Khalil, Eli, Will, J-Beezy, Curt, D. Starks, Scooby, John H., Sloppe', Kev, Reem, Ant, and Fatty Mil. I must shout out all of my lovely women: Asiah, Keyana, Tamara, Shavon, Tido, Kizzy, Erin, Tiffany M., Trisha, Trecia, Erricka C., Ootay, Nadirah, The Latoyas, The Twins, Kareen, Emma, Katrina, Ebony, Keila, and Leah. I must thank some teachers for supporting me: Ms. Burroughs, Ms. James, Ms. Hewett, Ms. Haden, and Mr. A.



# Taraiya Dodd

First and foremost, I want to give thanks and praises to my lord and savior Jesus Christ for being there for me when I needed him and making a way out of no way for me. Thanks definitely go out to my parents for supporting and guiding me even when we just didn't seem to see eye to eye.

I want to give thanks to all my teachers who have instilled in me the skills necessary to carry out my future. To Mrs. Howard thanks for exemplifying the teacher I want to be. To Husain, thanks for teaching me to develop confidence and apply myself. To Gironda, thanks

for always pushing me to think beyond the normal and to traverse that bridge to AP. To my peeps Camille, Dana, Tarae, Yvonne, and Leah, I love you all. Tracey, girl you are so crazy but mad cool and you have always been my girl willing to ride or die whenever and for whatever. To my twin Keila, stay sweet! Toya thanks for everything, from listening to my war stories to taking journeys with me, but most importantly sticking by my side when I have needed you.

To all the class of 2003, have much success in life. **For the first time ever** I can truly say that I would miss the entire class of 2003, including you Sharif, though I thought I don't know why.



# Asiah Ellis

Can you hear me now? Good.. **4 The 1<sup>st</sup> Time Ever** I wrote something in UHS that's not 5 paragraphs long. Now the end is near & I face the final curtain. Now I stand here to state my case, which I'm certain. I've lived a life of fame & traveled up & down UNI's hallways. But much more than this, I did it my way. I self-designed & there won't ever be another me but trying to be me can help you future. Thanks Academy de Brown for the 1<sup>st</sup> boy I kissed (Eli) my "Bista" for life, (Von) we go back like .25 waters dude I picked up & played with in my hands (Vannoy) my God sister (Key) my bully & Princess (Tammy) young Bhalil who tickled my feet, Much Luv. Due to obvious slowness (come out feet first) If you held me down (your name goes here.) Big Ma, I hear you yelling. Ma, Nana, Taji, you guys are the best. Daddy, I got you son. Boo, I Love You forever. My Fam, w/o me there's no you. Shanta, Riq, FeFe, Lou, Kareen, Beanz, Mooch, Nadir, Mel, Sabri, Kiem, Ib, Briana, Kacia, Ogyro, you complete me. Goodnite, I/m Gone. Thank God ... Its Written.





# Shavon Ewings

In 1997, I came to UHS and Did It My Way, but for some that was a problem. Now my time is up & for the first time ever I'm on my own. I wouldn't have made it without my PO's, Mom Dukes, Daddy, & Al...y'all pulled me through & kept my head up. To my boo: You have been my rock & I Luv U.

A- Block, I Luv U & You Know We Go Back Like Quarta Waters, Keep it rockin. Toya, you family now. Tammy, don't use all the stamps at once. Johnathan, I still got love for you. E - Stay Hungry & Kha, I still don't like you. Beanz & Black, don't get lost in the shuffle. To my cafe "Peeps" Keep It Hot; much Luv. Dez, You'll always be my brother & Mackey, I Luv U. Te', I got you cousin. Leah, Keep your faith & don't get side tracked. Kacia, we have been together since seventh; remember me daddy. My niece Kareen, I Luv U baby & Shay - Stay in sports. Millie, stay sweet & innocent. John H, I Luv you cousin. To the class of 2004 its your school now...the torch belongs to you. To my fellow seniors: its our turn baby...Throw the diamond up one time. To the haters if you want to succeed, be like me. Everybody I forgot: Much Luv. Bergen Rat Pack...Keep the legacy going.



# Kashiera Farley

I wish I could say "My six years at Uni...", But I have only been here 3 years. However everyone here has made me a part of the family. First I thank Allah for everything. Secondly, My mother and father for caring about me. My mom for staying on my back. I love you. Now to my friends, without ya'll I would not have made it. Moniqueca, thanks for being a special person in my life, you will be in my heart forever. Our separation won't change a thing. I'll miss you. World, watch out for the Big Gurls, Elena and Erica, y'all are as real as they come. Thanks for putting up with me. Good luck & much love. U-Landa, we're not in the same grade but you stayed true. I'll be back for you. No one can set it up like us. To my brother John, thank you for being my lil'-big brother. Never forget ya LAB, Good luck. To my sisters Manda and Sandra, stay short and sweet, much success. My cousin Oochie, thanks for making me laugh. Curt: Thanks for being you. I'll miss you, much love. To the lil heads; Shamarr, Rodney, LiL Darryl, and Dez. Shout outs: Chonte, Tia, Mani, Vincent, Kacia, Macc, Khalil, Willie, Tyrone, Jermaine, Shay, Scooby, and Jonathan. To my lil homies: Aazes, Jarrell, Mike, Jourdan, Chante, Sadiq, Young Bobby, Lil bit, Amir, and Jamil. Everyone I forgot, much love. For the First Time Ever, I'm out.





# Nicole Tinnie



For the past six years, University has been the center of my life, which has shaped my personal and scholastic growth. I could not have overcome those trying years without the guidance of God, who is the head of my life. Grandma, thank you for loving me and always believing in my growth. Thanks for the long talks about the future and all that I can become; I love you more than life itself. Thanks to Auntie and Uncle Bruce for supporting all that I do and for becoming a second mother and father to me. Chaune and Raheem, thanks for all the encouragement and perpetual faith you have in me. I send my gratitude to Barbara, Tu-tuu, Aunt Mattie, and my countless cousins for the support. Thanks to my sweetie, Al-Tariq, for believing in me as well as loving me. I'm happy that we have spent our years together, I love you. Mother Howard, thanks for all the support and guidance. Gironda, Mahon, Law, Haden, and Husain. I am truly going to miss you all. To the Ladies Trina, Jess, Tip, Poote (keep tangin'), Ootay (my twin), Naiya, Pudgy, Shant, Tracey, Cuttino, Dana, Tricia, Mine', Millie, Sam, Elaina, Dira and .... All the rest you'll be missed. The gentlemen Kev, Curt, Pooh, Reem, Ant, Slop, E, Reef, Ian, and countless others will be

missed. Those not mentioned are not forgotten. To the c/o 2003, we overcame all despite the obstacles. "We are the Champions." **For the First Time Ever...** I've discovered that ANYTHING is possible.

# Jessica Joard

For the first time ever I can look back and say UHS has benefited my growth as a person. From reflecting on friends to teachers, I realize I couldn't have gotten this experience anywhere else. First, I want to thank my family. Mom & Dad your encouragement and struggle has prepared me and I feel I am more ready to face the world. I love you. My sister, Steph, I love you. Even though you have been away you have taught me things that no one else could. Trina, my BFF, my sista, you're crazy funny & you've been there for me and shown me love like no other person has. You've had solutions to all our problems we've been through. Stay up like you know how... I love you & and much love to your family. To the ladies who've shown love: Tiffany, Keeda, -stay playin' hard, Finnie-stay up at Temple, Ootay, Trina, Sharonda (pres.), My Tricia, MaMa, Nikki, Naiyah, Shanta, Trecia, Toya Goya, Jennifers, Cuttino, Leah. To my boys: Kareem-I love you and your two cents about everything, Kevin-I'll miss our talks. Al-Tariq-much love, Big Darryl, Pooh, Curtis, Lil' Darryl, Antwan, Jameel, Rodney, Johnathan, Ian, Rif. My junior peoples: Sheerah, Phil, Carlton, Se, Eyes, B....Ulanda, Tip, Audrey, Crystal, Tia, Ta, Erica: stay playin' hard on the volleyball court. Softball shoutout! Chad-heyy boo... To them sophomores-stay up... Them freshmen much love. Teachers who've kept it real: Tierney, Husain-love, Hewitt (thanks for stayin' on my back), Turner-love, Rivera-thanks for everything, Cardoso, A, Hayden, Leon-don't fall to the system. Love to the HILL. Rico - Love. PLP: keep the struggle alive and we won't fail. C/O 2003: As we enter the world, change it for the better...peace





# Leah A. Frazier



I can truly say that it has been a tremendous experience for me, spending six years at UHS. I've had my ups and downs, but through it all, I made it. I will truly miss UHS, and the wonderful times I spent here. First and foremost I would like to thank the Almighty God who is the head of my life, because I know that without Him I am nothing. Next I would like to thank my parents. Without you two I wouldn't be here today. To my grandmother, and to my grandfather: R.I.P. Big ups to my sisters: Lisa, Rese, Tina, Niecy, and my lil brother Isaac. To my Aunt Nancy and cousin Natalie, luv y'all. Much love to all of my aunts and uncles. Next I want to thank all of my people: Letitia (we got in so much trouble together), Samantha, Shavon, Toya, Taraiya, Te', Kacia, Tamra, Keila, Toya V. etc. To my homies: Curt (you be hating but it's all good), Shariff (you so crazy), Shamarr, Al-Tariq, big Darrel, lil Darrel, Jonathan, John H, Shay, etc. To all of my chorus buddies: Tritina, Jessica, Tiffany, Keeda, Dana, Razia, Shantah, Philishia. To my elementary school friends: the twins (we go way back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, and I will never forget y'all), Addy, Jameel, John B, and Darrel O. Much love to the entire c/o 2003.

I can now say that **For The First Time Ever** I survived six years at University High School.

# Amanda Eaderon

My years at Uni. are finally coming to an end but before I make that final exit I would like to thank Ms. Muhammad, Ms. Hewitt, Mr. A, Mrs. Johnson, & Mrs. Turner for helping me stay motivated & for giving me courage when I needed it. Sandra I love you and ya crazy ways, Lex you know what I'm talkin' bout, love you Emma, Mirah, & "Sexy Jennifer". Stay cool Addy, Ty, Toya, Tanisha, Naiya, Camille, Mine, John H., Johnathan, Kenya, Erin, Tracey, & (you too). I give much luv 2 my Bragaw Ave crew. Willie B. & Eli you were the brothers I wish I had, uh not you Wayne (syke). 2 my sisters: Aliceson, "BruceJuice", & Alzizah much success in the future. 2 my girls: Tamika and Trina luv y'all and your crazy stories. Save the best for last much love to Moms and Pops thanks a million. Massive luv for Grams thanks for taking the time to put up with my attitude. Much luv 2 my mini-mes: Lee-Lee & Aly, I luv you, stay beautiful. Shout outs to my peeps on Wolcott Terr. "Vaughan" I got mad luv for you for real, you know I luv you always. Shout outs to my boy D, Dajah, Monica, Taolyna, Nunk, Big Reese, Nay, Kenny & Keith keep making me laugh. "One More Time." **For the first time ever** life will be viewed in a different way.





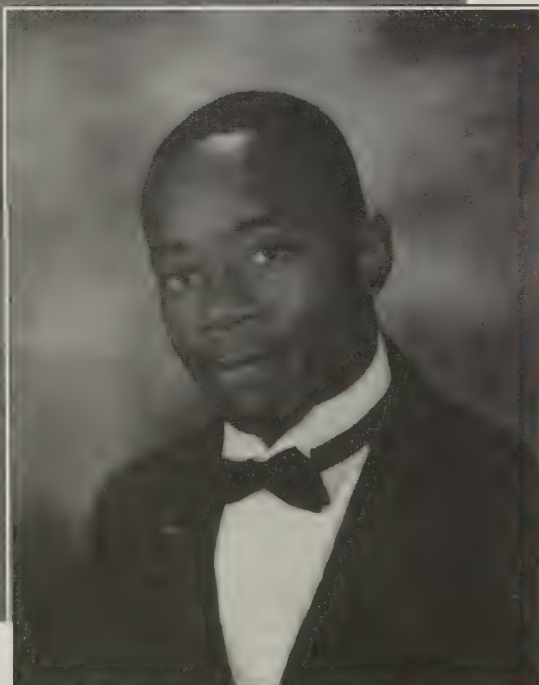
# Cassandra Eaderon



Six years have come & gone so quickly & now its time to say goodbye. You all have made my days at Uni. worthwhile. To my sista **MANDA**, the other half that makes up me, I Love U Girl, without you I Would Be Truly Lost! To my lil sistas Lee & Aly: take time to smell the roses, luv ya! To Mommy & Daddy: you've always been there for me, I Love You. To Grams: I could always depend on you for anything & still can, I Love You! To the rest of the family: thanks for your support. Emma, Mirah, Lex, Addy, John H., "SexyJen", Mine, Kenya, Naiya: you will never be forgotten. Jonathan, Camille, the Toyas, Ty, the Tanishas, Tracey, & (your name), good luck in the future & much success. Willie R., Willie B., Eli: you were the brothas I never had. Hey Cuzin, remember a dandelion? To "BuBu": I look forward to sharing my future wit you. I got luv for my Bragaw peoples. What's really good "Bookie"? Thanks to all the teachers who helped & guided me (Husain, Hewitt, Mr. A, Muhammad, Johnson & Turner). Hey sistas: "BruceJuice," Allison & Diamond. To my close brother Wayne, I Luv U! Reese, "JaBookie", Dajah, D, Nunk & Ney: you always made me laugh. Kenny & Keith: your quietness

can't fool me! **For The First Time Ever**, I realized everything happens for a reason.

# Elijah J. Gerald



I cannot believe it is 12<sup>th</sup> grade already it seemed just like yesterday we were all in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade just entering this school, coming into a new environment. It is wonderful to see some of my friends that I knew since kindergarten: Khalil, Johnathan, Keyana, Asiah, Kizzy and Shavon. Then there are the boys whom I will forever miss and love who are: Shamaar, Big-D, Lil-D, Willie, John, Reem, Curt, Kev, Ant, Fatty-Meel, Sloppe, Altariq, Melvin, Vince, JohnH., and Shay. The women are Patricia, Catrina, Sharonda, Nadirah, Shanta, Michelle, The-Twins, Trecia, LatoyaV. and LatoyaL., Erricka, Trina, Tamra, Ty and everybody else. Quiesha, my best friend "I love you with all my heart and I just want you to know that I will always be there for you." Finally, I would like to thank Allah for blessing me to complete high school in good health. I want to thank my parents for sticking behind me even when I did not have the best of behavior; you are the light in my eyes. I would like to thank all my teachers that taught me valuable lessons on life; you have really been a blessing. Oh I almost forgot Sequins I love you, thank you for your support. **FOR THE FIRST**

**TIME EVER** I am sad about leaving high school because I will not have most of my friends to share my success with. However, life goes on and just remember c/o 2003 I will never forget you.

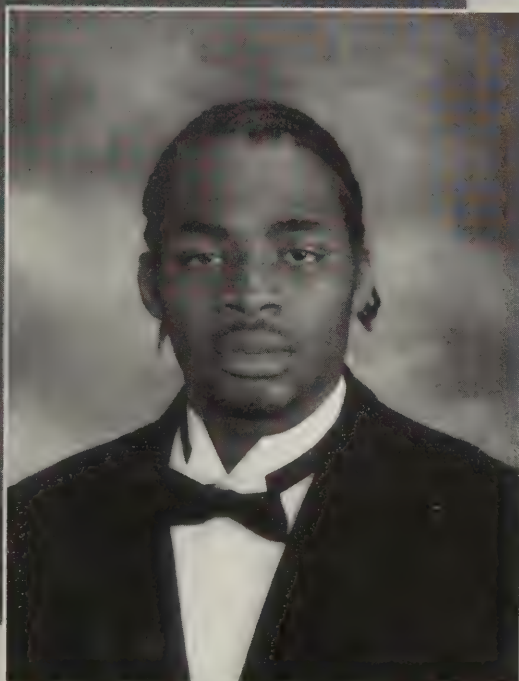


# Ian J. Greaves

For the first time ever I'm in a school that I like. Also it's the first time that I'm earning the grades I receive. I want to thank God for giving me the strength not to give up, Ms. Karen Harris for helping me along the way, Mr. Leon for giving me the chance that other schools wouldn't give me, Ms. Harvey for all the water and good times, Mr. Kahlil for the jokes, Mrs. Gironda for helping me realize that I'm not weak in English, Ms. Hewett for all her words of wisdom, Ms. Savits for her stern love, and Mr. Arnold for never giving up on me. I would also want to thank members of the student body for all the good times we had: Darryl Jackson for being the first person to break the ice and becoming my manz, Tritina for being the first chick in my University life, Shamarr for being one of the coolest people I know, Amanda and Cassandra for helping me in Chemistry, Kareen, Jennifer, and Camille for being my partners for the lip sync contest, Catrina and Nadirah for the conversations at lunch, Al-Tariq for being Al-Tariq, Nicole for all the time we spent in trig, Kahlil, John B., John Hall Tyrone, Curtis, Kevin and Elijah for being for funny and crazy, Nicole F. for calling me Ian Robinson, Samantha for being herself, Rodney for always playing ball the way it's suppose to be.



# Tyrone Green



For the first time ever, whew!, that time has finally come to step out into the real world and show what you got. I first would like to start by thanking my lord and savior Jesus Christ for getting me through these long and hard for years. Secondly my mother and father for without them there is no me. Also to my female friends *Naiya, Kizzy, Kareen, Jennifer, Dana, Ootay, Catrina, Amirah, Kacia, Michelle Kelia, Sharonda, Nadirah, Nicole, Ebony, and Patricia*. You know I cannot forget about my friends *J-hood, J-beez, Ill Will, Elijah, Shay, Ant 1, Jameel, Rodney, Pooh, SupReem, Curt, Darryl, Cateyes, Afro, John Doe, Clint, Vince, Khalil, Chaz, Chad, Austin, Paco*, da rest of basketball team, and *Scooby*, you can say we actually caught bodies together, and if I forgot you, hey I'm sorry. To my people in the other classes I want to give you a shoutout to, especially a member in 2005 and 2006, I hope yall have some good memories in your future years here. I cannot forget about the one who I had mad love for in the c/o 2003. You know who you are so don't front. I gotta run so I'm outta here peace!!!



# John Hall

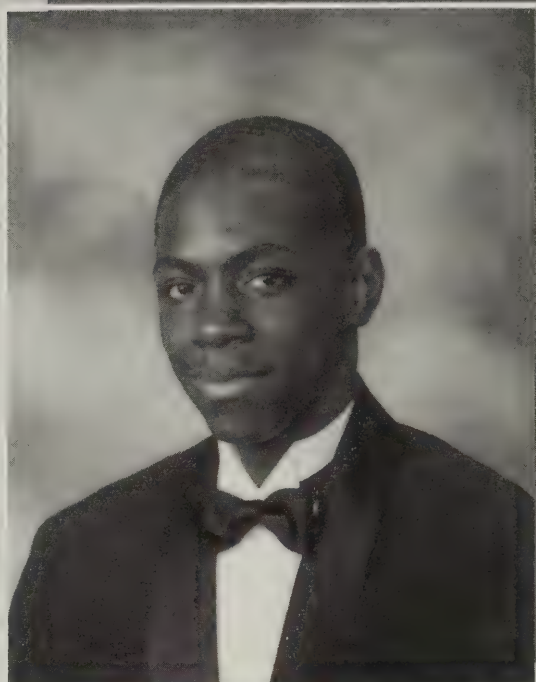
First, I would like to thank God for giving me the courage to stay in school and providing me with a loving grandmother and mother to stand behind me all the way. Without these important women in my life, I would not have been able to face the many challenges that were placed in front of me.

Many thanks to teachers such as Mrs. Burroughs, Ms. Hewitt, Mrs. Savitz, Mrs. Gironda, Mr. Bleah, and Ms. Andrews for pushing me to do the best that I could. To Mr. Alexander, thank you for being down and giving us laughs over the years. Look forward to me coming back wearing as many pairs of Gators and matching belts as you.

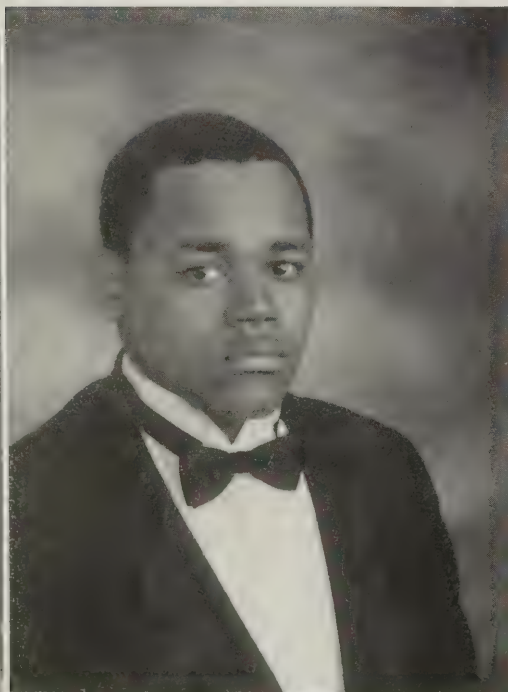
Special shout outs to my cousins - for - life: Dez, Macc, Vince, Johnathan, Elijah, Kahlil, Casandra, Amanda, big sis Kash, Clint, Shantay, Kacia, Ebony, Patricia, Willie, Shayna, Leah, Caprice, Rodney, Sharonda, Curt, Kev, Reem, Kareen, Jennifer, Jameel, Antwan, Michelle, Tyrone, Shavon, Kizzy, Darrle Jones, Tarell, Oshaira, Tanisha Mayes, Ochoa, Shay, Keila, Shamar, Darrle Jackson, John Brown, and Saqub.

Thank you all for making my six years at University High the best time period of my life. Hopefully we will all meet together again as successful and prosperous adults.

...And For The First Time Ever, We Will Show Everyone Else How Things Should Be Done:... Our Way.



# Tyrone Haynes



We're graduating! I am so happy; I don't know if I can express just how that makes me feel.

I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. I love you all.

I can't forget my teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge. I especially thank Mr. Hayes for all his good advice, and always insisting on my doing the right thing.

I haven't made a lot of friends, but the ones I have are the best. I thank you for having my back when things got rough.

Keep In Touch, and good luck.



# Camille Henriques

To begin my special collection of thoughts, I have to thank my Lord Savior, Jesus Christ. He has done so much for me, especially in the last 6 years. I could have never come through the mighty storm without him. Also, thanks to my family for sustaining me. Even though I don't show it, I truly do love all of you. To Dana I know you'll succeed at anything you desire to pursue in life. To Tracey keep the drama alive. Also, to my other peoples, Taraiya, Al-Sal, Stitch, Star, Samantha, Mine, Elena, Ty, Tricia, Keila, Finnie, Yvo, Twins, Claudia, Asi, Shavon, Bruce & Leah y'all off the hook. To the infamous c/o 2003, I know y'all will make me proud. **For the first time ever**, I realized that all the pain and strife that this class has experienced was all worth it. We were always the first class to do everything because we were always the strongest class of them all! In the past six years, I experienced moments with everybody in this class that I would have never imagined. To all the haters thanks because you hating on me only makes me look better. To my fave teacher Mrs. Howard you're the real winner! To everyone who understood my style and to those who didn't understand it, thanks because you respected me. I stepped into University ingenuous and naïve, now I can actually walk out of this school prepared enough to say "college, I accept the challenge."



# Starkeia Hilton

*"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1*



Giving honor & praise 2my Lord&Savior Jesus Christ for giving me the strength & letting me know that faith can take me a long way. I love you. Giving thanks to the three Most Beautiful Women in my life, *my mommy Alice*, Auntie Stephanie & my cousin Tiffany. I love you so much. You mean the world to me. **Mommy** you have been there for me, and showed me love. **Auntie Stephanie** I love you and I am proud to be apart of your family. **To Tiffany**, words cannot explain the place you have in my heart. You were always there for me. You went out of your way for me. Shi-Shi & Trish, I love you so much I wouldn't trade you for anything. To my family for always supporting me. I am going to make you proud. To Ms.Demetria,Khadijah,Tiana. To my little cousins: Sha-Quan, Na-Na, Devin,Emonie.To my Best Friend Kenya: we've been through a lot; I love you so much & that is what makes us stronger. We will always remain best friends. My close friends Keila, Emma, Sharonda, LaToya L,Parker, Shamarr, Amirah, Sheerah, Camille, Taheirah, Letitia. Kev, Reem, Lamar. Derreck,John,Ryan,Troy and Shawn, make sure ya'll hold the school down. I want to thank UHS - I have learned so much & I will return what I have been taught. For The First Time Eyer I will be on my own venturing the world. For The First Time Ever I will experience the meaning of being a Responsible Young Woman. **"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind."** 2nd Timothy 1:7



# Samantha Hinton

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. (Philippians 4:13)



First I want to give honor to God, for without him nothing is possible. He has been better to me than I have been to myself and words cannot express how grateful I am. Secondly I want to thank my family for their love, stress, and support. Mommy, George, and Vicky, I love you all and I appreciate everything you have done for me. Remember to keep me in your prayers. These four years at University have been a roller coaster and a growth period I will never forget. It's crazy, one moment you're down and the next you're up. There are so many people who have impacted my life during these years and I will never forget y'all. Elena, Sharif, Erica, Nikki, Cash, Kenya, Camille, Tracey, Shayna, Leah, Chonté, Miné, Addy, Philly, Lynette, Erricka, Ootay, Al-Tariq, Finnie, Toya L., Claudia, Erin, Ian, Rodney, Leticia, Amanda, Cassandra, Josh, Gi-Gi, Derrick,

Nicole and Khandice; I'm going to miss all of you. Each of you has touched me in different and special ways. Although some of you got on my nerves at times, y'all kept me laughing and helped me stay in the right state of mind. Brian, you're one in a million and I'm going to miss you. To the class of 2003, follow your dreams and do big things in your lives and never forget that we did it. **For the first time Ever.**

# Ebony N. Holmes

**F**or the first time ever... I am a graduating senior at University. I have been a student here since seventh grade, and it has been a great experience. I give thanks to God for guiding me through this challenging year. First, I would like to acknowledge my teachers and Mr. Leon for the love and support. I would like to especially thank my family for providing me with a backbone whenever I was distracted. Thanks to Pastor Mckendall for keeping me focused on my religion. I would love to honor my awesome best friend! You have been like a sister to me and words can't express how much you mean to me. Always remember that there is No Other, thanks. Thanks to Ms. Berry, Ms. Vincent, Ms. Washington, and Mrs. Andrews for keeping me focused. To my ladies Tricia, Key, Dirah, Catrina, Ootay, Kacia, Toya's, Ty, Lady Qua, Trina, Titia, Tanisha etc.... To my fellas John H., Ant 1, Jamil, Shamarr, Willie, Rodney, Dez etc... To my homies Daisy, Sharelle, Tasha, Hassan, Kaiyah and Tia mad luv! Nikah and Sheerah I didn't forget you. Mom I want you to know that whenever you get on my nerves, it pushes me to success. Pops, thanks for being a dad when my father passed. R.I.P Daddy, Grandma, Aunt Diana, Aunt Raheemah, Quawee. Last but not least, thanks to my ace for the good times we had, mad love!

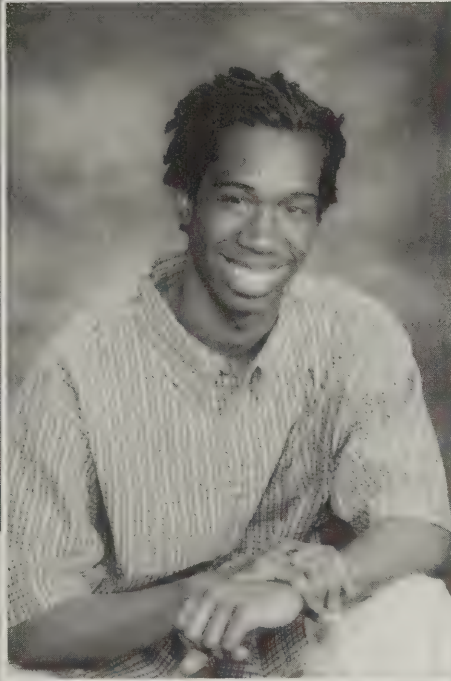
Curtis stay strong!

**For the first time ever Don't Hate Congratulate!**





# Tarae L. Howell



**F**or the past six-years I have called University High School, my home away from home. As I reminisce on my experiences at Uni, I must give thanks to my family. To my mother, grandmother, and aunts (Trish, Geraldine, Katrice) thank you for your support because my high school years would have crumbled without it. To my sister Yolanda, it is now your turn to carry *the* torch. To Kalisha, Tyniek, and Yaz, "Do, Live, and learn." To the rest of the family, there are not any words that can express your importance to me.

When I *first* walked through the doors of Uni, back in '97, I did not know what I would find and experience here. However, as *time* progressed, I met a talented staff and a determined student body. Thank you, Mrs. Gironda, for being the first teacher *ever* to make me like English class. Special thanks to Mrs. Hewett, Howard, Wing, DeVaughn, Rojy, and Mr. Velazquez. To my cool peeps, Netta, Addy, Philisha, Mira, Tanisha, Moniqueca, Tanya, Thomas (B&R), Jermaine, Finnie, Neelia, Des, Dana, Clint, Danielle, stay strong. To Yvee and the name thief (Taraiya) the pact stands firm. To the entire class of 2003, this is not the end, but only the beginning. Many classes have graduated from Big Uni, but **For The First Time Ever**, there will be a class of unique style, knowledge, talent, and strength cross our stage.

# Darryl D. Jackson

**F**irst I have to thank ALLAH. Next is Pop, my Great grand father (R.I.P.) who is my drive and my Great grand mother (Nana) who is my backbone. To my mother: Mrs. Mahon you will never know what you mean to me. Ms. Hewitt taught me how to ball. Ms. Wing I love you. To Mrs. Muhammad and Mrs. Burroughs you were gifts from ALLAH. Mrs. Hayden thanks for being hard on me. Mr. Leon you gave me a new light. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Cardoso you were my fathers. The best coaches ever High, Dortch, Baraka, Callahan, Abu White, McCombs, Young, Strickland, Sarge, Myers, and the Shabazz staff much love. Ms. Barnes thanks. To the office, Security, and social workers thank. Uncle Bas I love you Ockey. Mrs. Gironda thanks.

HOMMIES: C-murder, Pooh, Ill-will, Twin, Nutz, Fro, E-grem, Lil, Shay, Valdez, Chad, Taz, Sparks, Starks, Reem, Macc, Mac, Dez, Rell, Woosa, Quan, Eric, Qib, Umar, Jahlil, Meel, Ant1, JohnDoe, J-B, Sloppe, Kev, Johnh, Cat, Ramel, Ryan, Azmatic, Carlton, Moose, Twins, Mike, Jordan, Paco, Charles.

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To anybody I forgot my bad.





# Catrina James

I can't believe it is over. I can't believe that soon my thoughts will turn to college and life as a successful adult. But before I turn and face my future, I want to give thanks to the very important people in my life. My mother comes first. You have always wanted the best for me, even during the days when I was a rebellious teenager. I thank you for insisting that I do the right thing. Your efforts have paid off, and now I am a mature young woman. I love you. To the rest of my family – much love.

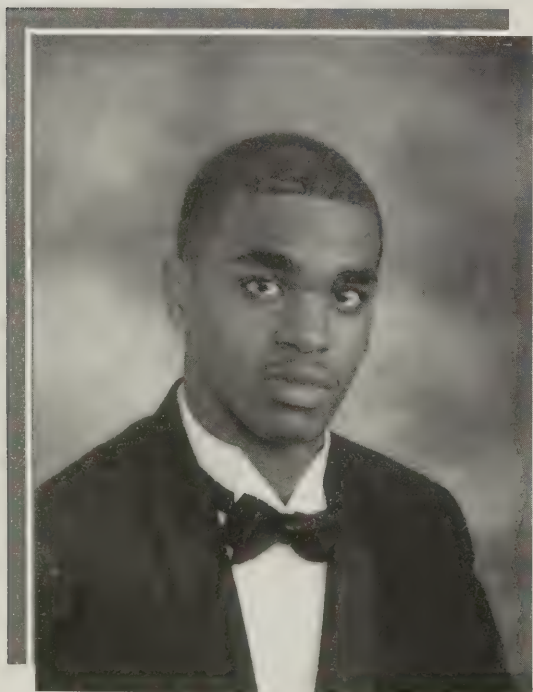
My friends have struck with me through thick and thin. I want and need to thank each and every one of you, but space does not permit. You know who you are, and I will never forget who you were and will always be to me. I will miss you once we leave here, and I never want to lose touch with all of you..

To my teachers: my thanks and apologies. And let's leave it at that.

Best of luck to the Class of 2003, and Big Uni. And For the First Time Ever, I'm out!



# Darryl J. Jones



I can still remember walking through the door of Uni in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I didn't know what was in store for me the next 6 years. I came in a boy and left a man. Thanks to all the wonderful and special people in my life, I was able to make this transition. But first and foremost I want tell my mom's and pop's that I love them and appreciate everything that they have done for me. They installed the basic fundamentals necessary to survive in the world today. To my grandparents who always gave love and support. To my sister Nikki who I love for being the best sisters a little brother could have. To the rest of my family which I love more than any thing. I wouldn't have made it this far without them.

To the whole staff at Uni who help me expand my mind and push toward greatness. If I had gone to any other school I would have miss out. On all Uni has to offer, from the teachers to the even classmates. For six years I love coming to school knowing I was going to have a better day at school than any other kids in Newark. To the class of 03 I wish nothing but love. And to the only brother's I got Reem, Will, Scooby, Eli, Kev, Ant-1, Meel,

lil, Curt, Sloppe, Pooh, J-Beez, J-roc, Saqub and my other sisters Ootay, Asiah, Jen, Kareen, Erin, Oshiarh, Michele, and the Toya's,



# Nicole Jones

First and foremost, I would like to thank God for keeping me up through these 6 long years that I've been at UHS. I would like to thank my family especially my mother for supporting and believing in me. She's helped me in so many ways and she deserves nothing but the best from me. To my son Nassan whom I love so much, I just hope he will be as smart and as successful as his mother. Mommy Loves You!!! To his father, Sid and his grandmother, Saida thanks for being there for Nassan and me and talking to me when I needed you. I love you. To my sisters, thanks for looking out for me and keeping me in my place. I know I could count on you whenever I need you. To my best friends Mary, Mirah, and Kirah, y'all are like sisters to me. You kept me laughing and you always had my back and you kept me strong. To all my party people, you know who are. I love y'all. To the class of 2003, especially my Naiya, Jennifer, and Trina, I wish you much success in the future and hope to see you in college. You will never be forgotten. To my favorite teachers, Mr. Husain, Ms. Tierney, Ms. Hewett, Ms. Howard, Ms. Rojy, Ms. Mahon, and Dr. Beaumont thanks for believing me and working me twice as hard. It's been a success having you as a teacher. **For the first time ever** I'm graduating as #4 in the class and going on to college. To all the haters, you are the ones that made me stronger. I still love you. It's been real here at my 6-year stay at UHS. Love a.



# Shayna Jones

*Your Jealousy is my energy; that is why I stay so Hyper.* This is a quote that keeps me confident. At Uni, I have made many friends and also acquired many enemies. "I absorb negativity like a sponge and turn it into positivity." To my friends (Cassy Lynn, Amanda, Addy, Lynette, Amirah, Emma, SunShyne, Star, Jennifer M., Kareen, & my Marchbaby) we've had our ups and downs, but I guess that is how you determine who your friends are and where they stand. To my enemies, although I am your enemy you are not mine and I wish you the best in life. Thanks to all of the teachers who helped me: Gironda, Hewett, Husain, and Turner. To my mother, who has proven to be the most stable foundation in my life, I love you and nothing will ever change that. To my sweetheart, you know you have made me happy, and your love and support has helped me through so much. To my little sister, I love you and your crazy personality. Keep the partying going and shake those haters off. To those that I have not mentioned please forgive me but I still got mad love for ya'll but you know that I am pressed for space.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever, I am leaving the nest, stepping into the real world and becoming a woman. Uni I won't forget all of the good times.

-Much Love-





# Tyeisha Jones



**P**ace and Blessings Bismillah For the past 6 years, I thought I would face only torment and aggravation, yet high school was merely an over-exaggeration. However, I would like to thank those who guided me through this journey and those who tried (teachers, parents, & coaches) those who walked with me through this verbose journey (peers); those who helped me to maintain the journey (*true friends & family*); those who managed to keep me on my journey (*Daddy & Muslimahs*)...and to the wrong ones (sad story...). FAME: My hoodz (440-515 E.A. (Best Friend(MARC), 103, C-Lane, Ill Hillz) & My 'hood scriptures (MiMi, Retta, Nikki, Alemar, Maya&Esh, Asi, Haleemah) My glamour girls (Twin(Kay), Fuzzy-B, 'Nae, Shy (Sis), Nisha, Ve'), [Science] The Basketball & Volleyballers, Imperial Sped Creationz (Beanz, Lil, DStarks', Keeda, Oshaira) *My Best* (J-Meel) Xinos (Erin, Jen, Tiff etc.) My Misses (Trecia, Erricka, Mirah, Te-Te, Leah&Parka, Nakiya, Kacia & Tae) Kiz, Eb, Eli' Tha Spencer Clic!![Trish '01 Thanx] *Future Teachers & Attorneys*. La Familia (Twinz, Tamifae, Pudgy, J-Mine, Ka\$h, Khe, Ham & Taj, AlSal, Dez, K-Reem, Reef, Reemus, Riz, Saq & Oochie, Mac-key, JBeez, Kiyah, Tierrah, Porsha & Ash B, Mag, Sheerah, Derick, & Upward B.) My fellaz (Alif (sweetheart), Ab (boo) ,Cal, Ant-1) Lovee, Christina & Wayne: Respect & Focus The Love of my Life (I-B-N), you got it King there's no other...you held me up baby, I Love You!!... All of you have stuck by me despite my attitude & my dramatic moments...I appreciate it, trust!!

Anyway, as we depart love is love and less is more **for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever!**

# Yvonne Kariuki

**F**irst, I would like to thank God for all his guidance and support. To my parents who have nourished and loved me all my life, their support has helped me become the person that I am today. To my brother, Mwangi, thank you for all the help you have given me; I can never thank you enough.

During the past six years I have grown into a wiser person with the help of my teachers and friends. I would like to send a special thank you to Mrs. Howard, who helped bring out the leader within me. To Ms. Rojy thank you for opening my eyes to the world forensics. To Ms. Hewett thanks for everything you have done. To all the faculty, teachers, and staff, thank you for inspiring me to reach my accomplishments. To the guidance staff thank you for helping me throughout these six years.



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To the Class of 2003, I am proud of everything we have accomplished thus far, and I know that more great things will come in the future.

For the First Time Ever, I can truly say that I will miss the entire class of Class of 2003.



# Termine Kendall



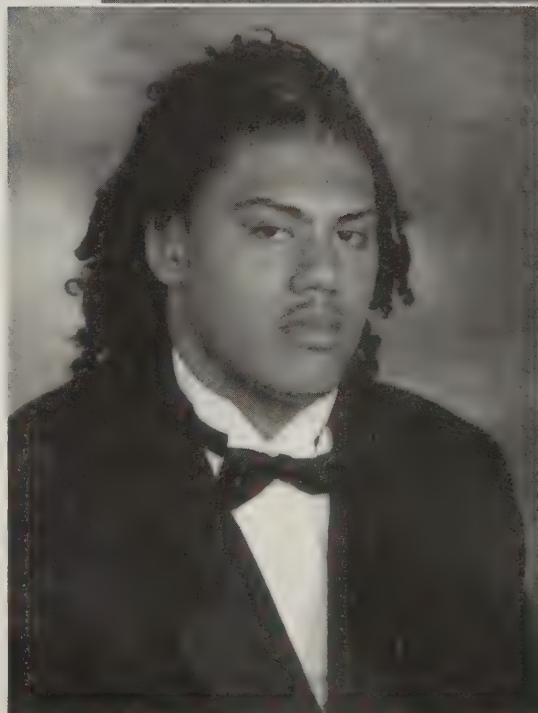
I would like to thank my parents Raymond and Donna Kendall and my sister Khrista. Thank you for your love, support, warmth and friendship that you have provided me with. Additionally, I would like to thank my best friend Neelia for being so important in my life and providing everglowing warmth in my soul. I'm a better person because of all that you've done for me. Thank you to my friends Aileen, Rzia, Tarae, Chonte, Moniqueca, Philishia, Lynette, Arielise, Samirah, The Thomas', Kareem, Kareen, Clint, Krystle, Dana and Lissette for the good times and the bad times. My family and friends have directed me towards a path that I was unaware of reaching. At this moment, I have reached the point where I believe that my journey is expanding. For the first time ever, I can seeek for what my future holds for me and determine my accomplishments, always turning back to admire those who have encouraged me to excel.

# Jameel J. Khan

For The first Time Ever I can't say how happy I am 2 be up out of this school. First, though I Would to thank Allah for helping me survive 6 long challenging years. Mom and ad I could not have done it w/o y'all. Y'all gave me the strength keep going, I love you.

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houtout to my son Antwan much love . Especially, my \*Son neo we miss you. Peace





# Razia Khawaja

**F**irst, I would like to thank **ALLAH**. With honor, I would love to thank my family for helping me travel along the path of my high school years. I would like to express gratitude towards the faculty for attending to my needs. The six years I spent in University High have been wonderful and extraordinary. This school holds the memories of my accomplishments, laughter, cries, and great times. Thank you Mrs. Gironda, Mrs. Andrews and Ms. Alvarez for inspiring me in many ways and teaching me that victory belongs to the most determined. Now, I want to give shout outs to my friends who were there for me through thick and thin. To Philishia, Arielise, Lynette, and Tanya: thank you for being honest friends. To Tarae, thank you for those walks down Clinton Ave. "around 3" and just being a friend. Danielle, you have been a humorous friend and I wish you a prosperous future. Yvonne, I admire your character and simplicity. To Neelia and Lily thank you for being close friends and like sisters to me. Sherry, words cannot explain how great of a cousin and friend you have been to me. Tamra, I admire you for staying pure at heart and defining yourself as a true friend. Now, here's a shout out to all the Desis in Jersey for keeping hope alive. "For the first time ever" to the graduating class of 2003, I wish you the best in your future endeavors.



# Dana Knowles



**D**uring these past 6 years, I've had a lot of obstacles to over come but **for the first time ever**, I can say that I made it! I couldn't have gotten this far without my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To my parents- thanks for raising me, and loving me (to my mommy- I love you, you're my angel, I'll see you on the other side). To my cousins Kecia, Janet, E.J., and Tim, thanks for everything, I love you. Dereck and Dwayne, thanks for being the best big brothers a girl could have (and for giving me the world's greatest nephew and nieces). To Veronica, no matter what, we'll always be friends. To Kareen and Tracey, you guys were the 1st friends I made back in 7<sup>th</sup> grade, thanks for always being there for me; I love you guys. To Kareen's parents my 2<sup>nd</sup> mom & dad, thanks for everything, I love you. To Camille, sometimes you remind me so much of myself that it's scary; I love youu girl. To Jen & Finnie, my cotillion buddies, Taraiya, Nisha, Al-Tariq, Leah, Tanya, Lynette, Philishia, Yvonne, Thomas, Clint, Jen W., Jermine, Naiya, Sharonda and Tarae, thanx 4 being such good friends. To all the teachers and staff who've impacted my life, (Ms. Howard, Ms. Jackson, Ms. Eckstein, Mr. Bleah, Ms. Gironda, Ms. Mahon, Ms. Rojy, Mr. Velasquez, Ms. Blackmon, Ms. Hewett, and Ms. Rivera) thanks for everything. To the c/o 2003, I'll never forget any of you, much love. Peace.



# Claudia Lee

For the first time ever – I can say it now – I'm graduating!

I want to thank my family, most especially my mother for all your love and support. Please know that I love and appreciate all your sacrifices.

To my friends, and you know who you are, I can't mention you all by name, but I love you, and will always remember the fun times we had at the lunch table. If laughter is the best medicine, we must be the healthiest group. I will miss you all, but know that I will be thinking of you and wishing you the best that life has to offer.

Much success to the Class of 2003, and I'm out.  
Claudia



# Tamra Leveridge

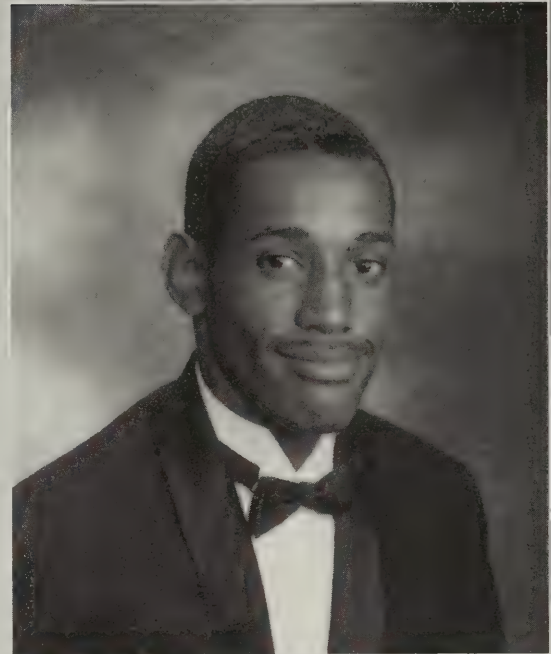
For the first time ever I actually feel like I have grown up. It has been 6 of the best years of my life. This long journey has finally come to an end. I made it through the hard times to have one of the best experiences of my life with the help and guidance of a few special people. My mother who although I never really knew, I know has always watched down on me. My grandmother for always pushing me to do good - words will not do justice to how much you mean to me. I miss you. Nana, thanks for being there when you did not have to, I love you. Shamorin, for just being my sister. Peter and Pam for the little things you did. My whole family: the Leveridges, Grimes, Normans, and Baileys. Those Bergen heads that I knew all my life. Asiah the laughs and memories are endless. Jonathan stay GQ, Shavon I remember from back when . . . Khalil, for being a cool person. My café Phoenix people Oshaira, Chonte', Kacia. Razia you are a true friend since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Keila and Sharif for proving I am not the craziest person. Trecia, Ty, Latoya L and P, Erica, Leah, Elena, Curtis, Elijah, Shamarr, Kizzy, Shay, Lil Darryl, Keyana. Mrs. Burroughs you are what I call a real teacher. To the whole class of 2003.





# Rodney Ligon

**I**t's been a long time I first came in though the door as a brand new seventh grader. I was worried and scared. But look at me now – For the First Time Ever, I can say: I made it! I'm graduating! And it sure feels great. I would like to thank my family first and foremost. I appreciate the love and sacrifices that you have made for me. Mom, I love you. You have always wanted the best for me, even when I didn't believe it. You always had my back, and I love you more than I have ever said. My thanks go out to my teachers who have taught me much during these six years. Special thanks go out to my basketball coaches who taught me that basketball is very much like life. Mr. Leon - I appreciate all that you have done for me. To my basketball team – it's been all that! I will remember every minute of every game. I wish you and the entire class the best of luck in the future.



# Latoya Loyal

**A**ll praises are due to Allah! Allah, Thank You for bestowing your grace and mercy upon me. Thank You for guiding me to the right path and giving me the strength to stay on it. I pray that You continue to watch over me and I am eternally thankful for all Your blessings! Ameen.

First and foremost-

Daddy and Gerrae, y'all have been two very strong forces in my life. Thank you for keeping me grounded and for motivating and inspiring me. I hope I have made the both of you proud- Luv Y'all! To my brothers and sisters-Hasan, Aliesha, Kiya, and Raheem-I love y'all just for being there and brightening all of my days. Thanks for being my sunshine when times were bleak. Qay, Haszy, Cam, Niya- Aunti: love y'all so much! Be good! To those who helped me throughout my high school journey- Mrs. Muhammad, Gironda Savitz, and Hewett, Thanks!

Finally To My Girls-Y'all have really brightened up my days. Through all the experiences good and bad, I've learned what true friendship is all about. Bones, Toya, Jen, Claudia, Kizzy, Mirah, Tiff, Trecia, Errickah, Much, Much Luv! Parker, words can't express my gratitude for your friendship! Emma, Keila, Star, we go way back! To those not mentioned it's LOVE!

To Class of 2003- For the First Time Ever, It's our time to shine!  
One Love!





# Lisette Luna



It's been five years already and I feel like it was just yesterday that my first day here began. University has been like a second home to me and I've made a lot of friends here. It was here that for the first time ever I learned a lot, not only from teachers but also my fellow classmates. I am glad that my elementary school teacher Mr. Alonzo helped me apply here; I would like to thank him for that. This school has so many great teachers like Mrs., Rivera and Ms. Wing who really care about their students not only in academics but as friends too. To Ms. Wing, thank you for always being there and listening to me whenever I had a problem, you are an angel! To Mrs. Rivera-Cruz, thank you is not enough to describe how you have helped me and how I appreciate you and love you. Mrs. Savitz, somehow you were always right and always willing to help. To my friends: Tanya, Arielise, Lynette, Sabuq, Cristina, Melissa, Neysha, Noemi, Iveliz, Kelly, Bertha, Danny, Jose, Gregory, Esther, Krystal I love you guys. Las Leidys Rule! To my best friends: Aileen, Razia and Danielle, you guys are my other half! And finally to my family, especially to my little sister Carmen, I Love You! And all my friends I would not be here if it weren't for them.

# Aileen Mack



I've never been happier. Leaving University isn't as appealing as it sounds, but considering what I expect to actually occur in the future. You guys don't have to worry about me; I'll let you know about everything that happens at the reunion. My greatest love, appreciation and thanks go directly to my father, mother, and Janean. Without all of you, I would not have made it this far. I will always remember to stay focused, even when I don't want to. Also, to all of my extended family that I have grown to love, thank you for dealing with me at all cost. Thanks Mrs. Haden, you've been like an aunt to me, Mrs. Howard, I will always return so you can proof my papers, Mamu Husain I will continue to "develop confidence," and last, but not least Mr. Corley I am still growing up along side my sax. To all of my friends, Ami Razia, Grandma Erika, my brother Tarae, my sisters Lily, Dannie, Tanya, and to my aunt Philishia, you mean the world to me. To Jay, Lena, and Jazz, you're all growing up great, now Daddy can drive you crazy. Clint, don't worry, I won't be around to bother you next year, but I am glad that

I met you. Jermine thanks for all the laughs, the truths, and the hugs. You'll do great in college, but don't go far, I won't. To University, thanks for the memories, and remember me always.



# Kwaneisha Mack



I want to start by giving thanks to God. Then first and foremost, I would like to thank my mother and stepfather who played a significant role in my life and are one of the major reasons why I was able to receive my diploma. Many teenagers do not have role models and people who care for them, but my parents strived to push me so that I can succeed in life. For the first time ever, I would to give congratulations to the c/o 2003, all my true friends and my family. I cannot forget all those who helped to push me, especially my guidance counselor Dr. Noble and all the teachers I had throughout the years. Last and not least, to those who tried to put me down and thought they could keep me down, you reap what you sow. In life I will run into many obstacles, and these people have shown me some of the many trials and tribulations that I will go through in life. I would like to give much love to my boyfriend who believed in me and did not allow me to experience the hardships he went through in life.

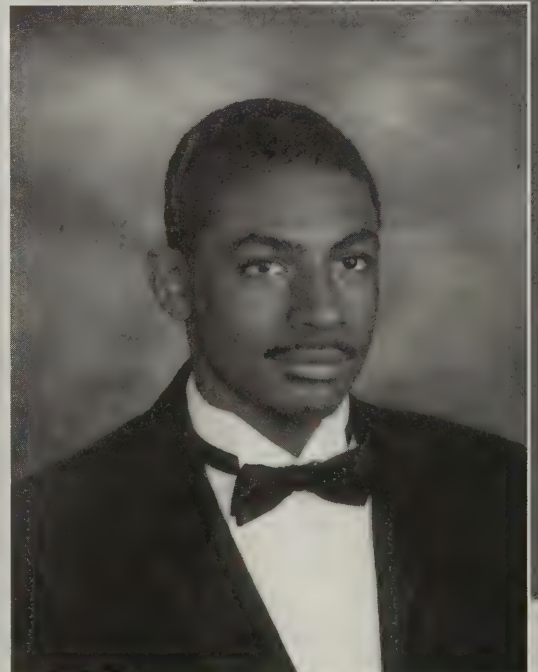
# Melvin Mackey

For the first time ever I can say that I am so happy, words fail me. But I will try to give thanks to all the people who are important in my life.

First I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. Special love to my mother for always having my back, even during the times that I didn't deserve it. I love you.

I can't forget my teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge. I especially thank Mr. Leon for making the school a place where students want to come to.

To my friends, you are the best. I don't know what I would have done without you. I thank you for all the fun. Big Uni would not have been the same without you. Keep In Touch, and good luck.





# Curtis Manley



**F**irst I would like to give thanks to the Lord above without him none of my accomplishments are possible.. To my Moms & Pops...thank you. I love you so much, that words can't express my feelings. You were always there...Thank You. I love you C.J., Erica, Imani, Gerald & my other lil brothers Jihad & Yasar.

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To my Aunt & Uncle...thanks for taking me in your home. You were also always there for me. Love You...thanks for everything.

Special Thanks to Mr. Snead & Ms. Odom.

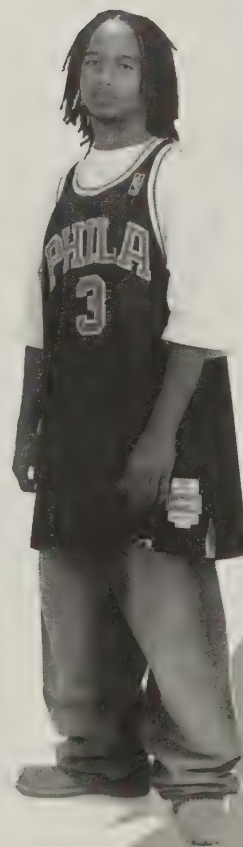
To the teachers at Uni, thanks for everything. I know I was a handful. Seems like just yesterday we were in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, acting bashful

Looking back at my 6 years at Big Uni, I can drop a tear and smile...**FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER.**

# Antwan Mason

**F**or the first time ever I have to say that I am confident about where my life is headed. I never thought I would make it in a school for six years but I did. These years at University were rough but they developed my growth as intelligent and responsible individual. There were many times when I felt like giving up but my mother kept me focused. Throughout my life, I can say that my mother has truly been my guardian angel. She has been my provider, my protector, and my reason for waking up everyday. I have never met any individual more understanding and caring than Valerie Mason. On January 6, 1966, I have to say that God created an angel and sent her into my life. Ma, you have touched my life in so many ways that I can't imagine living without you. I also have to thank my grandmother for always being there for me and being a big part of my heart. Its funny how I am 17, no matter how much older she is, she'll always be my best friend. My love goes out to my Auntie Ness, Uncle D, and my heart Uncle Doc, can't wait to see you.

Much love to Jameel, my Uni Family Willie, Eli, John, Curt, Darryl, Rodney, Tyrone, Scoob, Kev, Reem, Mack, Tiffany, Kiana, Shantah, Ootay, Tricia, Ebony, Erica, Lisa. My cousins Mike, Walie, Lamar, L, Pooh, Reefy, Lynell, Curt, Kellen. Much love to my block Mapes Ave: Sha'D, Bruce, Shareem, Kellen, ALI





# *Arielise Mateo*

**G**OD, I thank you for all your blessings. Thank you Mari for having my back when I did something wrong and giving me advice. E, I'm so fortunate to have a brother like you because when I was sad you always found a way to show me a good time. Mami y Papi, te amo mucho y gracias porque tenias paciencia con el attitude mio. Algunas veces, no queria escuchar loque me tenian que dicer, pero te doy gracias que me reganyestes. Pucho, I never really got to know you because you were locked up for most of my childhood and teenage years, but we are blood, and it is my responsibility to love you as my brother. Special thanks to all my close friends in and outside the school: Grandma, Samirah, Tanisha, Shayna, Twinz, Razia, Elena, Erica, Erica W., Moniqueca, Luna, Tanya, my two best friends Nette, of course, and Greg. Jodi we weren't always cool, but you still affected my life in many ways, and if I forgot anyone don't hold it against me, I'll miss you too. Thanks to all the University Staff for all of your encouragement. Best wishes to the whole class of 2003, who for the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever, will truly see the "real world."



# *Vincent Mayers*



**F**or the first time ever I can say that I am so happy, words fail me. But I will try to give thanks to all the people who are important in my life.

First I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. Special love to my mother for always having my back, even during the times that I didn't deserve it. I love you.

I can't forget my teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge. I especially thank Mr. Leon for making the school a place where students want to come to.

To my friends, you are the best. I don't know what I would have done without you. I thank you for all the fun. Big Uni would not have been the same without you. Keep In Touch, and good luck.

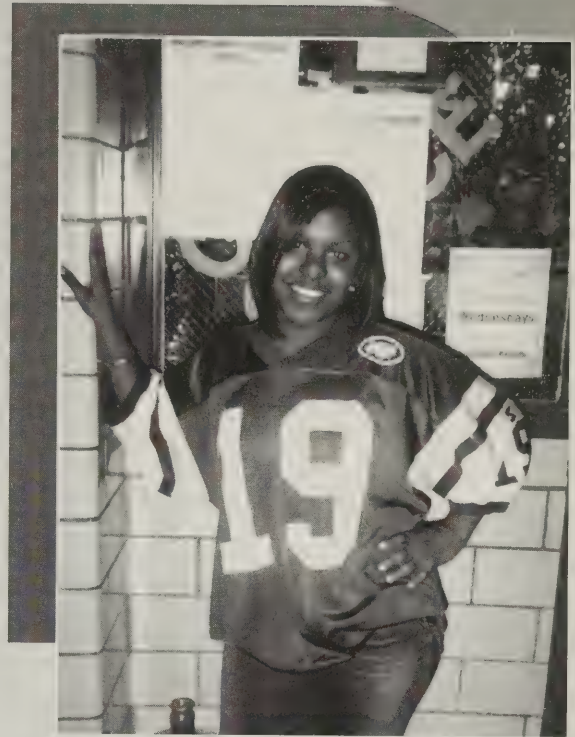
Vincent



# Tanisha Mays

**F**or the 1<sup>st</sup> time ever I can now sit down, think, and finally write about my years here at University that went by so quickly. All that I can say now is that I am finished. First and foremost I would like to thank **God** because without him I would not have made it this far. I would like to thank my Mother for being there for me, even though we've had our differences you still put up with me and I Love you!!! I would like to thank my Aunt Valerie for being there when I needed someone to talk to. My Uncle Tony and my Grandmothers for spoiling me the most. My big cousins Schamika and Schannon for letting me chill with them. To my Aunt Sarah, I Love you. To my Father, we have not really been that close but I still Love you. Lastly to my little sister and my brothers: Tiara, Gregory, Timothy, and Kenan, Big Sister loves ya'll. To my remaining Aunts, uncles Keith & Eric, and cousins, ya'll have a place in my heart.

To all my peoplez: My Ellis Ave.family. My Brother Ibn, My best friend, Tony & Kamaka, Khaleel, Derrick, Jamar, David, My Shantah baldhead, Kiana, Patricia, Quiesha, Asiah, Michelle, the Twinz, Vincent, Sharonda, LaTrecia, Toya L., Rodney, Keyona, Willie, Nakiya, Big Darryl, Shamarr, Shay, Kacia, John H., Johnathan, Toya V. and to all the people that I missed, My Bad! Holla at me, I'm out.



# Letitia Mc Elendon

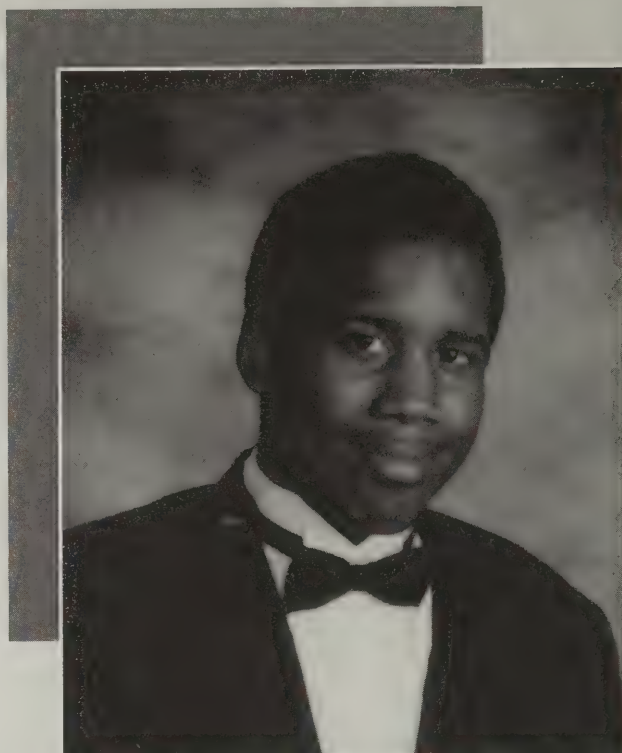


**F**irst and foremost I would like to thank God for giving me life, putting me on this earth, and letting me make it this far in life. I would like to thank the # 1 woman in my life, my mother. I would like to thank my big sisters Ty and Mirah for guiding me, I Love Y'all! As a result, I have to thank my lil sisters Essence, Shanaya, Tenny and Tierrah. To that special one in my life, Adam, no telling what the future may bring us. Also, to my close friend Austin (Get your mind right). To everyone in the c/o 2003, **For The 1<sup>st</sup> Time Ever...**we made it... together! Leah my right hand man, we got in so much trouble together (truancy), Nakiya, Kizzy, Trecia, Kareen, Trina, Catrina, Keeda, Tiffany, Erin, the girl across the yard, Tricia, Naza, Tamara, Star, Kenya, Ootay, Jennifer (still wonder), Tanisha, Keyona, Ebony, Kacia, Asiah (love u), Michelle. To my boys, Ian, Shamarr, Darryl, Eli, Shay, Al-Tariq, John B., John H., Jonathan, Shariff (you crazy), Curtis, Kevin, Kareem, Vince, Jameel, and Ant. To my 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. peoples – Te' (love u), Erricka, Oshaira, Wille, Darryl, Clint, Yvonne, and to anybody else I forget, you know I have mad love for you. To the lost souls Loretta, Ebonie, Najah, and Nisha. Is this the end of our journey? This has been an experience of my life. I'll never forget University. The Lord only knows what the future may bring to the class of 2003!



# *Kaishon Mc Donald*

I always dreamt of achieving a chance in excelling in a career in science and technology. Astronomy, Robotics, aviation and automobiles are my most popular interests. I hope I will be able to excel in my studies and pursue a career in Auto mechanics, aerospace engineering or aviation. I dream of being known for doing something right for the world, leaving a legacy for everyone to know. But it's hard being "The Specialist." It's hard knowing things that no one knows. Mom, I love you, and I won't forget you when I reach the top. Grandma, I know you're watching me from heaven, and I miss you a lot, and I wish you were here to see me walk across the stage to receive my diploma. To my whole family – I Did It!!! I graduated! I am college bound, ready to make my mark upon the world and tell everyone that I have achieved! I'm going to be recognized as somebody in this world and say "I Am A Specialist, And You Can Be Too!"



# *Kizzy Mc Tadden*

These have been some of the most interesting years of my life. I have been way up, and then again, I have been way down. But my family and my friends have been there to see me through it all.

I want to thank my family for all the love and support that you have shown me. I know I did not make you proud each and every day, but you loved me anyway. I thank you, and love you.

My friends have been true through thick and thin. I want and need to thank each and every one of you, but space does not permit. You know who you are, and I know who you are. I will miss you once we leave here, but let's plan on staying in touch.

To my teachers: my thanks and apologies. And let's leave it at that.

Best of luck to the Class of 2003, and Big Uni.

And For the First Time Ever, I'm out!

Kizzy





# Tiffany McKoy



First and foremost I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, because with him anything is possible. Next I would like to thank my parents for being my supportive backbone through the years. I know that it takes a lot of patience and tolerance to deal with me. When I entered University in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade I was intent that it would take forever to finally reach the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Yet the time has come and it seems as if I haven't aged a bit, I feel like I am still a freshman. I want to give a shout out to my friends, who stuck by me through the years, Claudia, Erin, Jennifer Tyeisha, and Kizzy, although we may have went through our differences while maturing, it just made us closer. I also want to shout the rest of the University class, Toya P., Toya L. (Thanks for inviting me to your table) Toya V, and the rest of the class of 2003, keep it global. I wish the class much success at everything that you do. ***For The First Time Ever*** we have left the greatest impact on University High school because we are the best, and there will never be any like us, we made our own path, which others will follow.

# Sharonda Melvin



For the First Time Ever I can say this 6-year journey was well worth all the challenges and achievements. A journey I would not have been able to venture without the presence of GOD in my everyday life. ***For the First Time Ever*** I can thank my parents for everything they have done for me, words could not express how much I Love Them both! To the rest of my family, I Love you ALL and thanks for keeping me motivated.

To my Best Friend Tricia, we have been connected since grade 6 and we made it all the way here. We both know our friendship is beyond friends, and I Love You girl! To Naiya, my best friend and my ace I Love You! We maintain a bond that no one would ever be able to detach, let's go out and PARTY; but after school and work! Shout Out to all my true friends, I cannot name you all, so this for all of you, I LOVE YOU and I'm going to MISS YOU all; keep your heads up and live prosperous. To ALL my educators, what would I have done without all of you? Thank you all for understanding and granting me with the best. Special thanks to the Best Friends

program, with all of your guidance, love, experiences, and encouragement created an awesome me! ***For the First Time Ever*** I can say 6 years was well worth it at BIG UNI HIGH and I finally made it!



# Tanisha Miller



**I**t's finally time. We're graduating. After all the drama, all the classes, all the assignments, all the tests, it's finally over. And we'll be going on to the next phase of our lives. But before I go, I need to thank some very important people.

Most important in my life are my family, and I thank them profusely. They have loved me and stood by me through my trials and tribulations. I also thank my teachers for all that they have done for me, both in the class room and out. Last but not least, I need to thank my friends. No one could ask for better friends, truer, and more fun. You have saved me many times and I love you all. I will never forget you or our fun times together. I wish you all the best in future days.

# Jennifer Mine

**I**t's been a long journey. At times the road was smooth and other times rocky. With the love of God, my family and friends, I have been able to overcome it all. Thanks daddy for being hard on me when I needed it, the harder you pushed the harder I pushed back, which made me a stronger person. To mommy, although you're physically far away you have always been there for me and I appreciate you. To my sister Juliette although we rarely say this to each other, I love you. To my 'husband' Kerron "You're all that I need and I'll be there for you, if you keep it real with me I'll keep it real with you" I would not have gotten through high school without you, I love you. Kareen we've been through so much and so many places together, you are like a sister to me, I value our friendship and I love you.

Thanks best friend Shira. My friends: Camille, Finnie, Nisha, Shayna, my cousin SupReem, Kevin, & Kizzy. Curtis and Shantah we go back far. All my graduating friends, Claudia, Al-Tariq, Tracey, Dana, Samantha, Tiffany M., Johnathan, Shay, Twinz, Nikki, Naiya, Sharonda, Erricka, Jennifer, Rodney, Star, Emma, & Yvonne. If I forgot you, I'm sorry. My sister in law Kim and to Precious be good. Mrs. Howard thanks for putting up with my whining. To the entire graduating class of 2003 I wish you much success, and get ready because the world is about to meet us "For the first time ever."





# Latrecia Monroe



Words of the heart are all I can say as I look back to the 1<sup>st</sup> day (*Toya, Tariq, Key, Reem*) Seeing the smiles & feeling the tears for 6 whole yrs (*Nai, Sha, Jen, Ty, Asi*) I never thought it would end this way (*Tam, Johnathan, Mira, Shamar, Kev*) Day to Day the struggles we faced (*TT, Nikki, Tae, Tanisha, Ericka, Rif*) Whether friend or foe, you'll always have a place (*Kiya, Ant, Khalil, Wil*) The ones who never caused me drama (*Qua, Michelle, Tricia, Catrina*) Now is our time to shine for those yet to come (*Audrey, Tangy, Sister...*) For the First Time Ever...WE ARE #1 Ma I thank you for all you've done, you are truly beautiful with admirable strength and dedication. My life has been a true blessing thanks to all nourishment you have given me. Words cannot express how much I love you!

Nana & Papa you have been the foundation of my

life, I will never let you down! Sean, even though we have our fights, I'm here when anything goes down! My lil cousins stay on the right path. My Aunts & Godmother the years have been blessings, thanks for the support. Khalid, although you've done things that I disagree with, you'll always be my 1<sup>st</sup> love. Ashanti you were here when I needed you most and still are, you are my heart. I love you forever!

# Danielle Morris

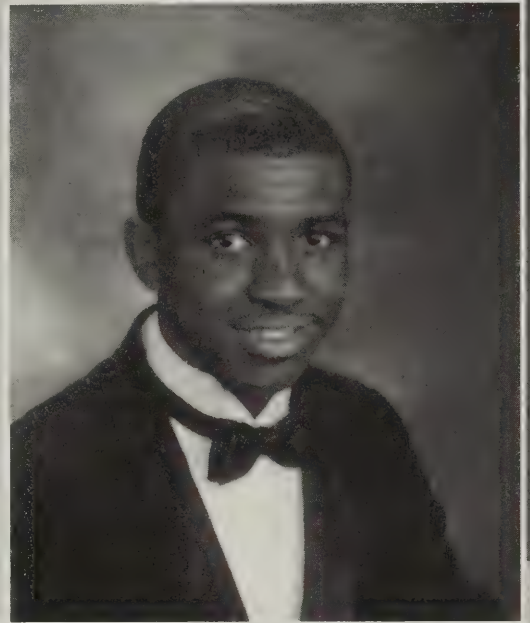
My years at University High School have been fun but challenging. With teacher breathing down your neck for assignments, assignments that seem impossible to do, I have to honestly say no other school has worked me like University High. Although when I took the entrance exam in the eighth grade, I never thought that this school would become my second home for the next four years. The atmosphere was very much one as if your class was your family from 8:10 a.m. to 2:40 p.m. Being in a magnet school like University gave me confidence and it seems that every year I get more confidence in my work. Without some teachers like Mrs. Andrew who made the class write every single day and Ms. Siroy who took time out of her schedule to help me with the HSPA. Also Ms. Morlock who talked until the period was over about things that didn't always pertain to typing but gave great information on careers and money. But I wouldn't have enjoyed my time here without my friends Tanya, Danielle O, Imesia, Loretta (transferred) and everyone else. Also Dr. Beaumont for letting me do my community service in her office. And to my family, my mother, brothers (Girard, Bryan and Samuel), father, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends of the family, thanks. I finally finished high school, now I'm off to college.





# Darrel Ochoa

For the first time ever I will graduate from University High School. First and foremost I would like to thank God. I can remember the first day of school walking through the doors of UHS not knowing the new surroundings. I want to thank all of my family: my Mother and my Father for all of the mental support to keep me stable in my four years at UHS. I want to say "was sup" to Vince, Tyrell, Macc, Saqub, John Heezy, and Dez. To all the shorties: Michelle T. Oshaira (Best Friend) Robyn (Best Friend) Ebony H. Kacia W. Blue Hood, and Lollypop. I want to thank all of my teachers: Mr. Husain, Ms. Gironda, Ms. Burroughs, Dr. Rahimi, and Ms. Andrews for pushing me and keeping me out of trouble. Be Safe from the bottom of my heart. I want to shout out myself Dee Loc, Oochie.



# Danielle Oglesby



*"I sat outside just watching as the orange-red sun rays of the sunset sprinkle the air. Bathing it in a nice fresh aroma of peaches and pears. The front of my house just wasn't the same as it used to be. Now as I reflect back to the past, everything I did and learned. Everything I hold dear. I think back and realize. No matter what... to begin with the end in mind was only the beginning, just the start. You don't know me and might not even care who or what I am or do. I didn't know me and I couldn't even careless if you don't either. The lights are flashing and finally the sun is gone. I stand up from my sitting position. Grab my bags and walk to the car. I'll miss you all. Have a nice future and a happier life than the one we already had and now have to leave behind."*

I'll like to thank my friends each and every one of them. Y'all have always been there for me and I thank you. Everyone once told me that I needed to grow up. I was told a lot of times to grow up by to many people and then it finally happen. I grew up. So thank you all. You all meant so much to me. I hope you keep in touch. See you in the future.



# LaToya Parker

As I sit back & reflect on the 6 yrs. I spent at Uni, I know that this space wouldn't allow me to say all that I need to, so if your name isn't here, know that it's love regardless. Yet, as I give thanks, I first thank **The Man Above** for allowing me to send my appreciation to those whom crossed my path in one way or another. My parents, it's been a long 17yrs., but you have only shown me love & support and for that I have nothing, but gratitude. Ant, thanks for always being there when problems came my way. My family (the Parker's, Grant's, Miller's, Muse's, Custon's, & Dodd's). Kya, Daja, Destiny & Ymani, aunty loves you. Jeff, Claudia, Kizzy, Shamarr, Cuttino, Shariff, Leah, Vaden, Ty & Mirah, all will never be forgotten. My grammar school friends (Emma, Keila, Liya, Dez, Star, & Mackey), luv y'all. Taraiya, thanks for being one of the few friends that I could always count on. Toya Loyal, you've taught me a valuable lesson & that's the meaning of true friendship, you will always be a sister to me.

Mrs. Gironda & Dr. Beaumont, I don't know what I would have done without you two.



"For The First Time Ever, I will truly miss the C/o 2003."

# Samirrah Parrish



First, Furthermore, and Foremost I would like to thank **FALLAH** for His Blessings, Peace, And Grace, He has bestowed upon me throughout my life. Such as my parents, my brother Najib, - don't stress, your time will come soon, my big sis, Trina, I luv y'all. I also would like to acknowledge my spiritual community and their advice about keeping myself balanced spiritually, intellectually, and physically. I now know to use those aspects of life as I seek for guidance in my future. To my best friend, Nisha, daughter we have been through good, bad and crazy times, and we will have many more, you know how we do. My closest friends, you know who you are, y'all are truly cool people, keep in touch. To University's teachers and staff the extra push and encouragement is truly appreciated. With the interesting experiences I had in U.H.S, I know that I would not change anything if I had the chance to. Big Ups to the class of 2003, my fellow classmates, I wish you much success in all of your futures. **And for the first time ever**, it's our time to march on, and it's our time to shine.



# Oshaira Richardo

**F**or the first time ever I will be leaving University. After 6 long years the wait is over. We might be leaving, but the memories will last forever. First and foremost I would like to thank God for keeping me strong throughout these years. To Mami and Papi I love you and I couldn't have done it without you. You have been my inspiration and the light of my life. Mami keep going strong in school, I know you can do it. Papi I know that everything you have done has been for us. Angie thanks for everything, love you. Jennifer you've always been there for me, love you for that. Justin I love you and I'll miss you when I go away.

To Mikey - we have shared a lot of memories together. It's been 3 years and we're still going strong. I wish for more happy days along the way, I love you and always will.

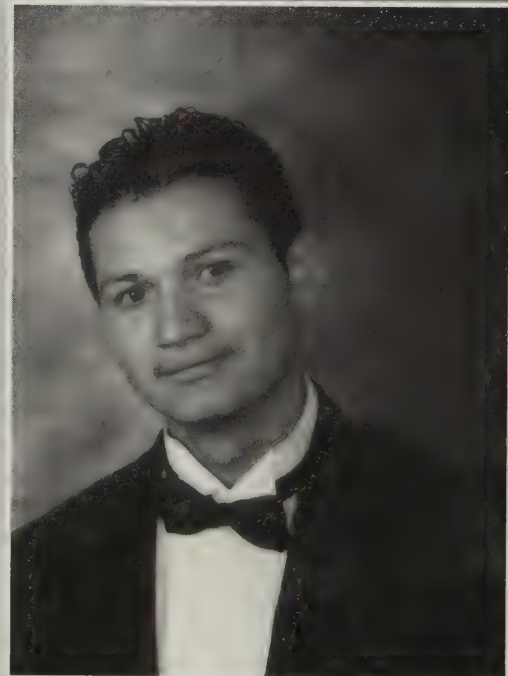
To the Dairyland crew - I will miss you. Ms. Muhammad you have always been there when I needed to talk, and Ms. Alvarez, Ms. Burroughs, Ms. Howard, and Ms. Hewett - thanks. To all of my friends from 13<sup>th</sup> Ave Willie, Scooby, Te', Erricka, Letitia - we have come so far. To the rest of the dirty birds Tamra, Keyana, Tricia, Asiah, Ty, Erin, Toyas, Kacia, Michelle, Tido, Khalil, Lil Darryl, I will never forget you.



# Javier Portillo

**W**ow! I can't believe its over. It seems like just a few weeks back I came into this school as a freshman and now it's over. I'm happy that it has come to a conclusion but I know they are well spent years that will be of great influence and wisdom in my future. For the first time ever I feel that I have completed something that will help me for the rest of my life. I will like to thank my family for believing in me and helping me through it all. My peepz: Jermine; you were mad helpful, Cuz, Darryl, Macc, Saqub. A special thank to the university teachers. With at you nothing would have been possible.

Thanks you to all and I wish the class of 2003 a prosperous future.





# Tracey Prince



I would like to thank God for just being there when I couldn't find my diary. Thank You. To the Prince Family: we truly are the black version of the Osbournes. Our quirkiness is what helps keep us together. Big up to my girl Tajah! To Taraiya my heart and inspirational support the past six years thank you. To all of my friends whose unique characteristics make up one best friend: Taraiya, Kareen, Dana, Camille, Twins, Jennifer M, Nicole F, Yvonne, and Tanisha M. You all have left a significant impression on me and I will never regret or forget the memories we made together. To the class of 2003, for the first time ever I can look at us as a whole and truly be proud of what you all have become and soon will accomplish. I can't believe that our six years together are over and it feels so unreal. As a class we became united and strong. As individuals we learned how to answer our own questions, correct our wrongs, and overcome all obstacles. If we made it past HSPA, then we can make it past anything! I wish you all the best! I hope that you all remember me the way I am and never forget what made me your #1 Drama Queen. Smile, you are on Candid Camera.

# Quiesha Reed

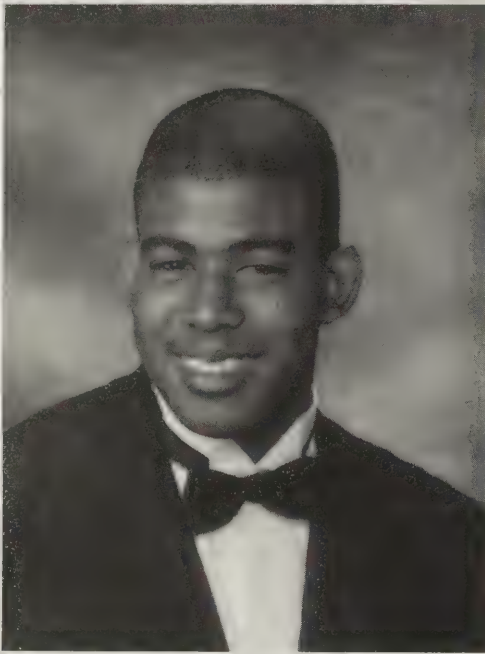


First and foremost I would like to thank the man up above for allowing me the opportunity to pass all obstacles he has brought before me. To my family, especially my parents and Aunt, thanks for the love and support you've given me. I couldn't have done it without you. To my sister, thanks for being so hard on me without you I wouldn't be who I am today. To my cousins Pegan, Chian and Shonda thanks for listening to my problems you've helped a bunch. To my brothers Kee and Marcus, thanks for those talks you've given me; they've opened up my eyes. To my lil' brother Bikari, thanks for being there you're my special "star." To my best friend Elijah, without you there would be no me. I'll always be here for you. To my prince Curtis, words can't express how much you mean to me. Thanks for sticking by me and treating me like a real princess; I love you. Thanks Naza, Shantah, Patricia and Catrina for being there for me through good and bad times. No one can compare to you. Kevin thanks for those unforgettable times we spent together, with love. Sharonda, Naiya, Emma, Finnie, Toyas, Mirah, Erricka, Jennifer, Trecia, Kizzy, Michelle, Kiana, Trina, Jessie, Kenya, Tanisha, Jennifer, Shamarr,

Rodney, Ian, Johnathan, my boo Willie, JohnB, Meel, Antl, Al-Sal, Darryls, Reem, Khalil, Chaz, Chad, Jordan, Eric, I luv yall. To all Haters **"For the First Time Ever.... Thanks"** your hate only made me stronger.



# Thomas Reyes



**M**y past years at University have been wonderful. First of all, I would like to thank my classmates for accepting me into their class and making me feel welcome. I would like to thank all of my friends, Desmond, Clint, Nicole, Kareen, Kevin, Kareem, Kashiera, Naiya, Sharonda, Ian, John, Jonathan, Jennifer, Saqub, Al Tariq, and anyone else I forgot for all of their support, and for them being who they are. I would also like to thank my teachers, Mrs. Gironda, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Velasquez, Ms. Devaughn, Mrs. Howard, Mr. Hussain, and all my other teachers for getting me to the level I am at now. I hope college is as enjoyable as University. Finally and most importantly, I would like to thank my family, for all their encouragement and support. I would not be who I am if it weren't for you guys; I will miss you all.

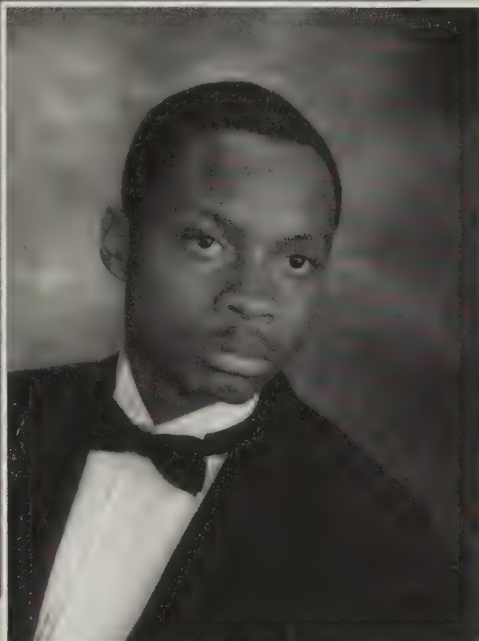
# Robin T. Reynolds

**I** want to give honor to **God**, because without him there would be no me. I thank my Lunch Table, especially Trina and Kiana for accepting me when I came to University HS. Scooby thank you for being the first person to have the courage to talk to me. To Ian for always bringing a smile to my face. Thank you to all faculty members who welcomed me into University with open arms. Especially, Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Barnes, Mr. Simmons, Ms. James, Coach Felica and to anyone I've missed. You accepted me, so thank you and I love you. To Pia., my best friends in the world, Cassandra, Natoshia, Ja Nai, and Shaquila for being the real meaning of a best friend. My loving parents for raising me with a stern hand, and believing that I could do or become any thing if I only believed. Thank you for guidance and support, and bestowing in me the keys of life. I want to thank Our Lady of Good Counsel HS and Jenkins County High School for setting a base and starting point of my foundation and I want to thank University for helping and guiding me to finish it. I want to thank University HS and the Class of 2003 for accepting me as one of you. I can't forget the UHS basketball teams, especially Shay and Shamarr. Now I can really say this **The First Time** Ever in my life I've felt so overwhelm with joy.





# Kareem Richardson



Foremost to God, for providing everything I have today, Mom and Pop (The good cop and the bad cop), Kyle (the best brother anyone could have), Kerron and Kim (my favorite cousins), Bev and Paul, my wifey :) Monica, everyone in the family, and my closest friends: Kev, Curt, Starks, Scoob, Modd, Sham, Ant, Meel, Vince, Clintman, Queb, Grem, Will, Mac, Ooch, Shayman, Blackman, Khalil, Dez, Sloppe, Syn, Ray, Rod; ladies: Blaze, Naiya, Emma, Kareen, Jen, Treesh, Tricia, Tay, Tiff, Kiana, Keyana, Erikka, Shantah, Ronda, Finnie, Big & Lil Trina, Twins, Finnie Toya, Ms. Bonner ( R.I.P.) and every teacher and individual I've had the honor to learn a lesson from.

For the first time ever, I realize the strong relationship I have built between my peers and myself will soon be broken. The journey has truly molded the foundation of my life, and it will continue to impact me throughout my future obstacles. The staff of University High School has been fundamental to my future, and I am forever thankful of everything they have provided. My peers, who have been by my side through sickness and health, have made me the strong individual I am today. As I continue to move forward I will always remember every day at University High School...

I wish everyone the best on their future; whatever you choose to pursue, simply make the best of it. Do not forget my famous words, "Stay Focused."

# Erin Rivers

First and foremost, I would like to thank my mother for showing me what the meaning of a strong black woman is.

I will miss you, and I know that I will see you again in heaven. I thank God for giving me the strength to overcome the obstacles that have come before me in the past 6 years. I would like to thank my father for being both parents and for being strong when my sister and I were weak. I would like to thank my grandfather, father, sister, and entire family for always being there for me in both good, and bad times. To my main friends Tiffany, Jennifer, Claudia, Tyeisha, and Kizzy, I would not have been able to make it through these past six years without you. To Erricka, Audrey, Ashley B., Tangee and the rest of my xino sisters, I love ya'll with all of my heart, and I hope that the future will be kind to you. To the staff here at UHS, I thank you for providing the educational background that was needed for my success. To the class of 2003 **For the First Time Ever** I say "Peace Out" and I wish you lots of luck.





# Philishia Robinson

First and fore most I would like to thank my Lord and Savior above for without him I am nothing. I would like to thank my grandparents, my mother (May she rest in peace), my father, my aunts, uncles, cousins and to my church family Beulah Baptist. To my friends, Tanya, Lynette, Addy, Tanisha, Samirah, Elena, Tarae', Shariff, Jermaine, Aileen, Dana, Imesia, Caprice, Scoobey, Kenya, Naiya, Emma, Yvonne, Will, Tracey, Camille, Cousin a.k.a Chonte', Erica W., Razia, Ms. Hewett, Ms. Jackson, Dr. Beamont, Ms. Turner and Ms. Ryder. I love ya'll and I will never forget you. "For the First Time Ever," this class is going to fully grow up. I am going to miss all of you.



# Keyana Ruth

There are many places in life where I messed up, from fighting to getting kicked out of school. For the first time ever I have grown out of those situations. I thank God for keeping me strong. Pamela Ruth I love you so much even though we went through bad times. I understand now that you just want me to be someone in life and not a bum. You are my Mommy and Daddy. Doris, you are the best grandmother a child could ever have. You are a strong woman in your young age. Marion I wish you well even though you are very sick. If anything happen I will always love you. Gwen you were always there to help in many ways as I grew up. Teen stay goofy and take care of Cody. James, Stanzelle, Jamil, and Lance love yall. Thanks Toya, Lovey, Danielle, Taheedah, and my best friend LaToya Carney for being there the most when I had disputes. We've been through a lot together. Thanks Quamel, Teefah, and Hinnah for being my friends and hooking up my hair. Shout outs to Asiah, Shavon, Elijah, Khalil, Johnathan, Tamra from elementary to now. Michelle, Tricia, Oshaira, Taniesha you did not change when I left. Tyesha, Bendu, Jabril, Michael, Khalil, Shaheed, Anya, Elisa, Mary, Nadiyah, Erainah, Taliah, Jennifer, Ebony, Willie, Tritina, Kurtis, Kevin, Kareem, Erin, Antwan, Jameel, Darryl, Shamar and others. I cannot forget Ms. Hewett and Mrs. Beaumont I MADE IT!





# *Tia Searcy*

**W**e're graduating! I am so happy; I don't know if I can express just how that makes me feel.

I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. I love you all.

I can't forget my teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge.

To all my friends – You are the best that this school has to offer. I loved chilling with you in the cafeteria and after school. I will always remember you. I'm sorry that I can't give you individual shout-outs, but space is limited.

Keep In Touch, and good luck.



# *Laniasha Smith*

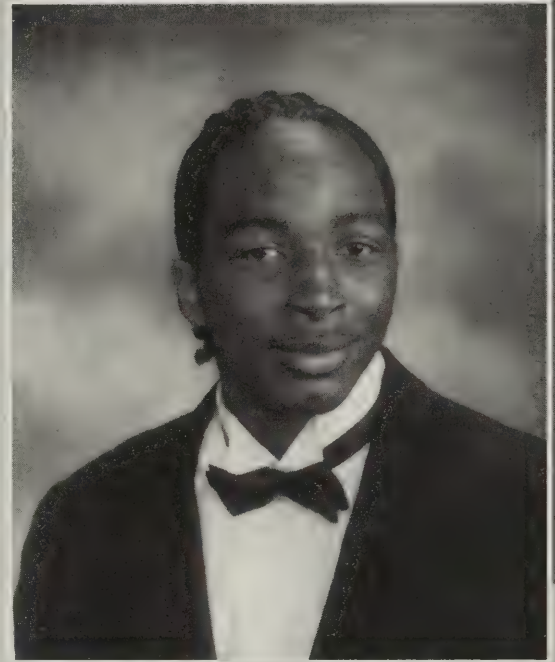


**F**irst and foremost I would like to congratulate the one and only class of 2003. I would like to give thanks to God for allowing me to make it this far, and I pray that he will continue to be with me after I leave UHS. I thank my mother, Sandra Smith, and my aunt, Shrane Smith, for putting me through school without any problems. I would also like to thank my favorite teachers, Ms. Smith and Ms. Gray. They helped me out for the past few years while I have been at UHS. I went to them for anything that's why they are my favorite teachers, and when I leave I will really miss them. To me it seems like I have come a long way. It seems like just yesterday when I started the first day of school. Now these are my last days of school.



# Clint Stokes

First, I want to thank my parents: Carl Stokes and Karen Harvey for bringing me into this world. Without you, I am nothing. Next I want to thank my family: Aunt Wanda, Aunt Kim, Aunt Valerie, and Aunt Lois. My Uncle Gene (For his wisdom even when I didn't want it), my Uncle Keith (The Coolest man on the planet). My grandma Stokes and my grandma Harvey (For taking all my nagging and pestering). My cousins Shaheed, Elijah, Danhya, Kira, Hassan, Salwa (U know I love ya'll). Next I wanna thank my extended family (My friends, teachers, all those who made a difference in my life). I could not have made it with out my boys: John Hall, John Brown, Thomas Reyes (You'll never be better than me in Tekken son), Thomas Barnes, Tyrone, Elijah (E- grimm), Khalil, Jonathan (Lil' Genuwine), Curt (Curt Flirt), Kev (K- streetz), Reem (DJ Suprem), Darryl Jones, Des (Gonzo), Melvin, Saquib (Soc), Vince (Go to class man!). To the ladies in my life: My baby girl Dana (work it out!), Aileen (my cause of grief), Tonya (chocaholic), Daniel (keep ya head up), Emma (Imma get u 4 stabbin me lol), Kenya, Kashera, Lynette, Kareen (no dime 4 u lol), Sharonda, Naiya (you'll find that some1), both Jennifers, Krystle, Nicole, Shanta, Starkia, Moniqueca, Kizzy, Michelle, The twins, Philesia, Catrina (still don't like ya), Shavon, Tanisha, Latrecia, Samantha, Elena, Erica. My peeps from 13<sup>th</sup> ave (DJ: My brother 4 life, Te', Erika, Yvonne, Will, Oshira, Lettitia) hold it down. Lastly, the adults: First off I gotta thank Ms. Hewett and Ms. Wing (I can't thank u enough), Mr. Alexander, Mrs. Howard, Ms. Haden, Ms. Ryder, Mrs. Rivera-Cruz, The guidance team, Mrs. Gironda, Ms. Rojy, Dr. Rahimi, Mr. Husain, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Leon. Anyone I missed you know I don't mean it. I love y'all. I'm out.



# Michelle Jerry

We finally made it, for the first time ever it's our turn to be looked at as the individuals who successfully achieved our goal to graduate and move on to better positions in life. Looking back on the past, knowing I could not have done this by myself, there are a number of thanks going out. Thank you lord for blessing me with these special people in my life and giving me the strength to move forward. Thanks to my mother's love and patience. A big thanks to teachers who pushed and believed in me. To Mrs. Burroughs, Dr. Noble, Mrs. Haden, and my Guardian Angle, thank you so much, I appreciate the extra love. To my best Friend, mad love for being there through thick and thin. To real friends: Tricia, Key, Catrina, Ty, Jennifer, Oshaira, Sharonda Ootay, Nadirah, Chonta' Toya V., L., and P., and to Erica A. To my peoples, big D, lil D, Darrel, Shamarr, John H. and B., Vince, Mac, Curt, Will, Ant, Jameel, E, and Al- tariq. A special thanks to my close friend Ramadan for always being there to look up to. To all my classmates not mentioned, my bad y'all know what's up! To Mr. Leon, thank you for making a difference. Finally, to the class of 2004, keep your heads up. Much love to the class of 2003, Stay Tight. Love, respect and a lot of hard work brought us this far - continue it. Peace, I'm Out!





# Chonte Thompson

It's been 6 years, and now I'm saying goodbye. When I first came to University I could barely keep up. "Now I'm leading the flock!" I'm a Phoenix & the fire that burns within will be exactly what I need to get through life! They're a lot of people I wanna shout-out, but I don't have enough room. So if you don't see your name, you're not forgotten! First I have to thank GOD. Mom, I Love you so much! I would like to thank my grandparents, Cookie, Daddy & Cee for being there when I needed you. 7<sup>th</sup> street you held me down! Joy, Candy, and Kacia you're my sisters. *Sweet-Spirit* we're gone make it if we keep **GOD 1ST!** Shout-out to my lunch-table crew Kay-Gigglez, A-block, Tammy-Tanf-Stampz, and Bavon. All my Panthers... Big-D, Ill-Will, Lady-Qua, O'stachio, Hot-Rod, Stokes, Titia, and Yvonne, K.I.T! Shout-out to Leah, keep singing. To my other friends... Samantha, Shayna, The 3 Toyas, Robin, Kash, Michelle, Ray-of-light, Ty, Dez, Sugar-lipz, daddy-shay, j-hood, Shamarr, Reef, Reemus, Ebony, Patricia, Elena, Erica, Caprice, Kizzy, Mirah, J-Mine' and Germ. Thank-you Mrs. Beaumont for being my 2<sup>nd</sup> mom. Mr. Leon you're #1, my 1/2 page wouldn't have been complete w/out recognizing you; you're a true "Star-Polisher." I know everybody's trying to figure out when I was gonna use the logo, well here it goes... **"FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, I Finished My Half Page W/Out Crying!"** C/O 2003, Good luck in the future.



# Lynette S. Thompson

## "THINGS CHANGE"

*Freshman year, I hated it, I thought nothing worse could occur  
Sophomore year, it got better, I made friends and I did not defer  
Junior year, the work got tough; however, I managed to keep up  
They said that year is hard and long and the work starts to take its toll,  
Well I had a different experience, that's the first year  
I made the honor roll!*

*Senior year is the year that is supposed to be trouble free  
Well, they mixed up the years and because senior year is here  
and it's not so easy to me*

*Out of my time here, I have come to see that school is not that bad  
and in fact, I have started a new family  
Soon I'll move on to another chapter in my life,  
and sure it might be strange,  
But we have to grow and walk down that new road  
and realize that THINGS CHANGE.*

First and foremost, I want to thank GOD because without HIM I wouldn't be here and I would be lost. Second, I want to thank my mommy and daddy and the rest of my family, I love you all very, very much and thank you for supporting me through out my life. As for my friends, I want to thank you all too. Philly, Tanisha, Samirah, Tarae, Tanya, Elena, Jermaine, Thomas B., Samantha, Sharif, Erica W., Nikki (Jones), Kareen, Imesia, Razia, Lissette, Ailenene, Shayna, Greg, Chonte', Big Darryl, and most of all my sister and best friend for ever Addy. We have been best friends for 6 years and I love you, you are more than a friend, you are my sister. All of you have a very special place in my heart and I have made a lot of new very good friends and some of you are my new best friends and you know who you are. Well, I'm moving on now and, oh my goodness, **For The First Time Ever**, I'm going to get a job!!! Never thought that would happen, huh?





# Latoya Taden



**R**emember them days... How can I forget? Years have passed the time is here. For The First Time Ever, I'm really here. I've passed my youth and reached the mature truth. Through all the good and bad times there is nothing like Phoenix Zone. First I would like to thank God for guiding me through my struggling times. To my mother, words cannot express how thankful I am to have you by my side. You gave me that extra push. I Love You. Joe thanks for being there. To Grandma and Uncle, you were always there at the time of need, thanks. To my little sister and brother, life would not be the same without you. To my Aunt, Grandpa, Cousins, and other relatives much love to you all. To my Aces Erainer, Danielle, Tauheedah, Lovey, Keyana, Nadiyah, and Mary - we have been through a lot. Thanks to Marcel and I.O.F., who treated me like their lil' sis'. Thanks to Mr. Leon and all the U.H.S. teachers and staff. To my seniors, we here now, Latoya, Parker, Tricia, Tritina, Keeda, Al, Trecia, Claudia, Tae, Tyih, Michelle, Nakiya, Jenn W., Erin, Leah, Asia, Tiff M., Tiff A., Curt, Shammar, Scooby, Kev, Ant, Meel, Will, Eb, Eli, John B., Mirah, Pudgy, and Lil. To my homies Anya, Shaheed, Shaquana, Nakiyyah, Josh, Bianca, Lisa, Kiki, Sheerah, Tierrah, Lamar, Rukaiyah, Steve, Boonkah, Meat, Kri, Reef and Darryl. Last but not least to my closest friend you will always be in my heart.

# Moniqueca Washington

**H**igh school has been full of hard-times and struggles. Growing up in the city of Nwk I would like to thank many special people that influenced me. First and foremost I would like to thank my lord and savior, without them there would be no me. My parents are also important in my life. My parents have been there through thick&thin. I love both of them for that. I would also like to thank my grandparents. I love ya'll so much. Without my teachers I would not have succeeded in high school. Special thanks to Mr. Leon and Ms. Hayden for making my last 2 years memorable. Rahimi, Tierney, Gironda, Andrews, Bleah, and all staff and teachers that has played an important role in my decisions for the future. School would have really been boring without my friends. In high school I have had plenty of friends but Erica and Lena has been true friends. Our friendship will never die. My best friend/ cousin Kash has been a wonderful friend. Who knew our relationship would develop in such a miraculous one. To Sharif and Jermine **For the first time ever** we are graduating. To the class of 2003 much success in the future. **For the first time ever** I realize how much this class really means to me. Peace and I'm out!





# *Aritina Whitehead*



**F**or the First Time Ever, I can say goodbye, not to my friends, but to the school and really mean it. I would like to first give thanks to God for guiding me at all times good and bad.

Mommy and Daddy I love you both and I want to give thanks for the support over the years. Mommy you stood by me when all others failed me. Daddy you believed in me when I needed it most. #1 sister Rida, my best friend, I love you and I appreciate all you've done for me from then to now. Thanks for the special gift Rida & Pookie (Yasmeen Auntie Loves You). Jessica, my best friend and adopted sista love you. You off da hook, don't ever change. When people talk don't worry, but when they stop start worrying.

Family: Granny, Peaches, Vickie, Adrian, Ronnye & da Kidz, Shana, Kimah, Tweety, Wayne, Ernestine, I Love Ya'll Thanks Key, Leah, Chelle, Finnie, Pudgy, Toya Goya, Tricia, Robin, Trina, Anya, Shi Shi & Sheerah (hold it down while I'm gone), Shant, Tyih, Curt, Will, 69, IAN, Kev, Scoob, Shay, John, Khalil, Ramel, Phil & Lamar (Love Me), Nikki, Oont, Ali.

Adopted Family: Al-Sal to the Bell, Rodney & Pooh Love Ya'll, Keeda gimme two, Tiffany (It was Good), MaMa V-ball, B-ball, S-ball (Miss Me). Thanks Tierney, Hewett, Barnes, Coach Fee Last but not least to Martin, Thank you for all you've done for me I Love You more than you love yourself...Haters finish the rest.

# *Erica Whitiker*

*"Trust in the Lord with your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he shall direct your paths."*

**G**iving all honor and praise to the one who created me, who has kept me and provided for me. I must give thanks to my Lord Savior, Jesus Christ. Secondly, I must say Thank You to my Mommy. You have been the best parent that I could ever imagine. You have been my mother and my father, what more could I ask for? To PaPa and Sue, you have been the best grandparents I could ever imagine, Thank You. To my U.H.S. Family WOW! It's been 4 years. **"For the First Time Ever"** I am sad to say good-bye to a school. I am going to miss my friends so much. To Elena, we have been together our entire lives; it's about time we do our own thing. Nikki, Kash, and Kenya, you have been great friends and I know H.S. is not the end for us. To the people I love to hate, Trecia, Sharif and Tamra, without y'all three, school would not have been the same. Lastly to my Step-Sister, who knew that people completely different could become such close friends. My parting message is this: I am brilliance, covered with talent, wrapped in a cloth of confidence and hand delivered by God to a future of endless possibilities.





# Kacia Wilks

It has been 6 long years and it is finally time to say goodbye. Yes, it has been a struggle but with the help from caring Mr. Leon, teachers, and my parents I made it through. I give the highest thanks to God who has been my strength. I would like to give extra thanks to my entire family for helping me great deal with my son, Iyan I truly love you. To my lil cousin Shanda keep up your work and hold down the school while I'm gone. I would like to shout out my true friends since 7<sup>th</sup>: Te'-Te', O'satchio, Shay-ven, stay up, Big Darryl, Claudia, Twins. To the rest of my crew: the Tanishas, the Jennifers, the Toyas, Titia, Kiya, Key, Ebony, Vince, Tiffany M., Kizzy, Tammy, Asiah, Kev, Oochie, Nikki, Taraiya, Leah and to who ever I forgot your name goes here ( ). To Macc the one who gave me my alias, Lil Mama, stay crazy. Special shout out to the shrunken domes: Dez, J-Hood, Rodney, and Johnathan: Keep growing. To my best friend Derrick I love you. To the rest of my lunch table crew I am gong to miss eating with ya'll everyday. To the rest of the University students I leave the torch and school is now yours. **For the first time ever....** I will not be returning back to University in September and will be making big decisions for my future. We are all stars.



# Douglas Williams



We're graduating! After three long years, I finally made it. I am so happy; I'm a senior! know if I can express just how that makes me feel. I want to give thanks to my family for all your continued love and support. I love you all.

There are a few people I would like to thank for helping me over the years. First I want to thank Mrs. Muhammad. She always stayed on me about what's going to happen in the real world and I won't forget her. I love you Mrs. Muhammad. Next I want to thank Mr. Hayes. I'm going to miss you after our four years together. I can't forget my other teachers who have instilled in me a respect for myself and others, and a wealth of knowledge. I will never forget the security staff, especially my grandmother, Ms Jenkins. I must also thank Ms. Raysor and Dr. Grant of the Child Study Team. Thank you, Mom and Dad, for bringing me in to the world and supporting me. Thanks also to my co-workers at the hospital: Roslyn Cross, Aunt Bridget and the entire kitchen staff.

To all my friends – You are the best that this school has to offer. I loved chilling with you in the cafeteria and after school. I will always remember you. I'm sorry that I can't give you individual shout-outs, but space is limited. Keep In Touch, and good luck.



# Kevin Williams

Jesus Christ, thank you for being my best friend throughout my life. My mother & sister, I do not know where I would be without the guidance both of you provided me with. To my second family, John and Keddy (whenever I needed something, you all were there). To my blood brothers-Rashid (thanks for all the guidance) & Jamar. "No weapon formed against thee shall prosper;" to all my real brothers, we had to live with this statement through all the discrimination at Big Uni. My real brothers, the ones who would ride through anything: Reem (#1 always), Curt, Pooh, my grimey dudes-Eli & Will, Scoob and Khalil (leave a spot on varsity for me), my MBNA workers-John Doe & Ant1. Fatty Meel (keep up wit the jerseys), J Beezy, D Starkz, Vince, & Tariq. To all my ladies, ya'll kept my game tight: Kareen (my true sister), Emma (thanks for being there), Jessi (we go way back), Trina(s), Asi, Shant, lil Qua, Finnie, Nadirah, Tricia, Kiana, Jennifer, Amirah, Sharonda, Naiya, Star, Tiffany, & my sweetheart- Ootay. My cousin Kenya-we made the family proud. I can not forget Ms. Tierney, Ms. Gironda, & Ms. Hewett (we need more teachers like you all). Thank you, Mr. Leon, for being on the students' side. Do not get mad if I left you out, I'm sorry, but I had a lot on my mind. But I am pleased to say that **For The First Time Ever**, I did it my way.



# Patricia Williams

*"For The First Time Ever" I could say goodbye, not to my UHS family but to being a student at UHS.*



I'll start by thanking my awesome GOD who has been so wonderful to me, because without him nothing would be possible. Geraldine (mommy) and Mitchell (daddy), I love and thank you both. Without your support and backbone I could not have made it. You really pulled me through. I know I put you through much, but you both are my backbones, and I love you and I truly thank you. Rest In Peace - Ulysses, my father, and Grandma Dorothy.

My six years at UHS have been wonderful because of my family and friends, whom I love dearly. Although as a family we had hard times, we struggled and made it. To my second mothers: Muhammad, James, Gray, Andrews, Burroughs, Dr. Noble, Ms. Melvin, Hewett, Heyl, Blackmon, and Tierney, much love. I was able to share my later years with a wonderful principal and vice-principal, Mr. Leon and Mrs. Haden. To my class advisor, Mrs. Rivera who has worked wonders with my class, you are wonderful and I thank you for everything. Cousin Megan, my favorite, you are so special. My best friends Sharonda Nahkeerah and Tariq, you guys just do not know how much I love you! To my cool alumni peeps: Mathosette Maysa Caressa Khalilah Phil (my boo) Hinant Trey Joy, and the rest of the crew, good luck with your future. To the juniors: Maggie Chad Chaz Austin Cat-Eyes Sheerah Vanessa Aisa Ashley Ashlee Valdez and Ramel: good

luck. Best of luck to the class of 2004 and to those coming behind.

Last but not least, my beautiful class of 2003: Dirah Catrina Ootay Eb Michelle Naiya Mirah Oshairah Finney Tenisha Elijah Meel Cuttino Key Antwan Kiana Treica Pooh Trina Jess Shanta Curtis Khalil Milli Mill Kev Reem Kareem Jenn W. Shay Elamar Rodney Johnathan Tiff Darryl(1&2) Toya(all) Willie Asiah John and the rest. I wish you all good luck in life and I will truly miss you!



# Jennifer Williamson

It's time to close another chapter in the Book Of Life. As the pages turned, I came across many important characters. Mr. Bleah, and Mrs. Siroy the dedicated math teachers. Mrs. Gironda, the English teacher who wanted us to think like college students. Dr. Manas who kept failing me in Spanish. Mrs. Savitz, and Mr. Robinson trying to make history interesting. Mrs. Burroughs who chased me around the school. Mrs. Graham who made art a real class. Mrs. Hewett, and Mr. Alexandra who made gym fun. Mrs. Haden who always suspended me (I still love her).

Lil Uni would not be without my favorite characters. Tiffany, Erin, Kizzy, Claudia, Tyesha, who always fought but were friends in the end. Twins, Latreicia, Naiya, who were always my dogs. All my peoples Keyana, Erica, Ooytah, Nakiah, Toya L., Toya V., Patricia, Nikki, Sharonda, Trina, Catrina, Ebony, Michelle, Tiffany, Letitia, and Willie, Sharif, Elijah, Jameel, Antwan, Darryl, who always mad fun of me.

The main characters are my parents Fred & Helen who stood by my side. Heather, my annoying sister who dedicated her time to help me. Cornell, my brother or as he would say "PRESIDENT CORNELL," who set high standards for me to match.

Now the pages will turn and I will enter the next chapter of life. I will remember how every individual; even those who I left out had a great influence on me. Its time for us to leave "Lil Uni" and enter a bigger world FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER...



# Nakiya Wray

For The First Time Ever...I have a chance to thank many important people in my life. First I want to thank my Lord Jesus Christ for making me who I am and for sending me many blessings through out life. I want to thank the # 1 lady in my life; my mom, for molding me and guiding me in the right direction to be the person I am now. I Love You so much. You are # 1. Thank you Grandma, Uncle Duane, Auntie Dona, Auntie May-May, my sisters and brother, and my nephews for being there for me. I want to thank all my close friends for keeping me smiling even when I was down. You know who you are. Thank all my teachers for teaching me what I need to know to succeed in life today. Thank you Lip for everything you've done for me and for just being the # 1 cousin to me. I Love You. I want to thank the whole 146 Norwood Street family for accepting me as one of their own. Lastly I want to thank that special person in my life for everything we've been through both good and bad. You were my first love and I appreciate it. I Love you all and I thank you for pushing me to achieve my goals. "I've finally made it." I wish the whole c/o 2003 luck in the future and in whatever you do.







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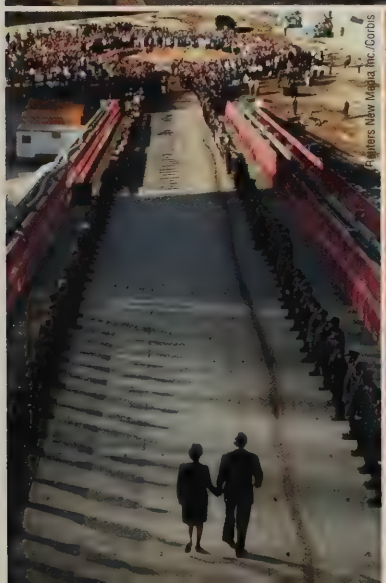
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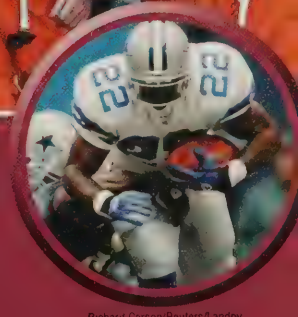
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➤ U2's humanitarian lead singer Bono visits Africa and tours Midwestern America to raise awareness and support for African AIDS epidemic relief.

➤ Nuclear crisis arises when North Korean leader Kim Jong Il breaks a 1994 pledge with the United States not to build nuclear weapons.



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## WORLD

➤ U.N. inspectors return to Iraq to investigate Saddam Hussein's alleged production of weapons of mass destruction.



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➤ A Halloween earthquake in San Giuliano di Puglia, Italy, topples an elementary school, killing dozens of children.

➤ China's one-child-per-family policy creates an imbalanced boy-to-girl ratio that will result in tens of millions of men finding themselves single in the year 2020.



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➤ In October, a Moscow theater siege by Chechen rebels ends in a Russian special forces raid that kills the captors and at least 129 hostages.



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➤ Thousands die as storms and floods cause billions of dollars in damage in China and many countries across Europe.



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➤ Pope John Paul II travels to Toronto's Downsview Park in July to lead the World Youth Day vigil.

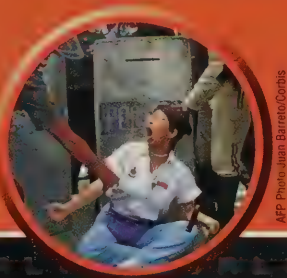


- ▶ The Miss World beauty pageant leaves Nigeria after Islamic fundamentalist protest groups kill more than 100 people.



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- ▶ In Venezuela, an opposition strike demanding President Hugo Chavez's resignation paralyzes the country's oil exports and turns to bloodshed as Chavez supporters retaliate.



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- ▶ The oil tanker *Prestige* spills more than 5 million gallons of oil off the northwestern coast of Spain before splitting in two and sinking.



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- ▶ Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter receives the Nobel Peace Prize for his decades of work for peace, democracy and human rights worldwide.



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# WAR ON TERRORISM

- ▶ Once presumed dead, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden returns to Middle Eastern air waves with recorded anti-American threats.

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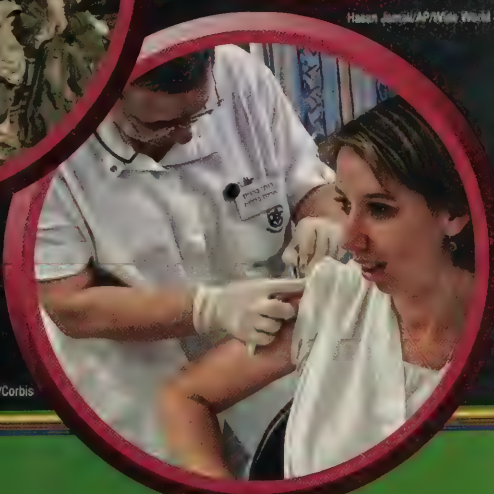


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- ▶ In an effort to eliminate Al-Qaeda, the United States continues its war on terrorism by maintaining a steady military presence in Afghanistan.

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- ▶ Over 100 people, mostly foreign tourists, are killed in an October terrorist bombing of two nightclubs in Bali, Indonesia.



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- ▶ Emergency workers in the United States and overseas receive smallpox vaccinations as a preventative measure against bioterrorism.



➤ After being subpoenaed to testify before a Massachusetts grand jury about sex abuse among Catholic priests, embattled Boston Cardinal Bernard Law resigns.

➤ More than 25 states implement the Amber Alert System, which posts information about abducted children on TV and interstate signs, leading to the recovery of dozens of children nationwide.



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## NATIONAL

➤ For weeks in October, alleged snipers John Muhammad and Lee Boyd Malvo terrorize Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, randomly killing 10 people and injuring three others.

✓ The space shuttle Columbia breaks apart on reentry into the Earth's atmosphere, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

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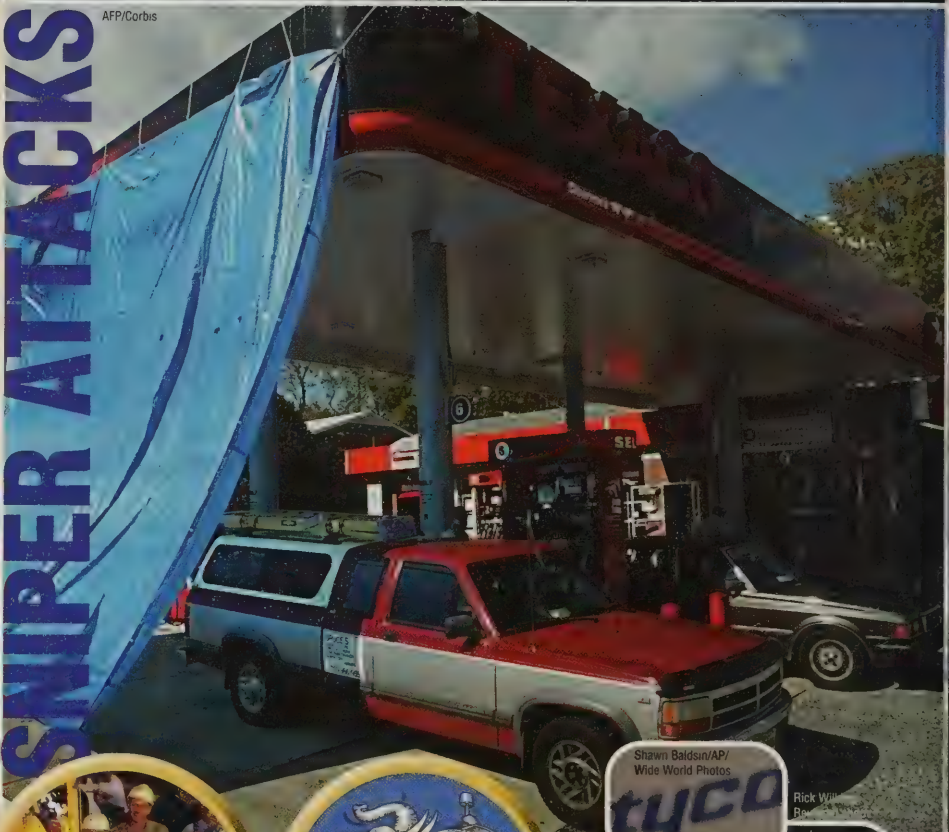
*"The crew of the shuttle Columbia did*

*not return safely to Earth, but we can pray they are safely home."*

— President George W. Bush

## SNIPER ATTACKS

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Gene J. Puskar/Getty Images

On July 28, nine Pennsylvania coal miners are rescued after being trapped for three days in a mineshaft flooded with over 70 million gallons of water.



Getty Images/Artville

Midterm elections make history as Republicans, the party controlling the White House, gain congressional seats rather than losing them.



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Several large corporations inflate profits while top executives make off with millions in accounting scandals that send shock waves through global markets.



✓ In October, Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone dies in a plane crash along with his wife, daughter and five other victims.

✓ Sparked by summer drought, wildfires—including one set accidentally by a forlorn forest ranger—tear across the western United States.

✓ A weakened economy repeatedly drives down interest rates and delivers retailers their worst holiday shopping season in decades.

✓ President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act, officially creating a Department of Homeland Security dedicated to preventing terrorist attacks.

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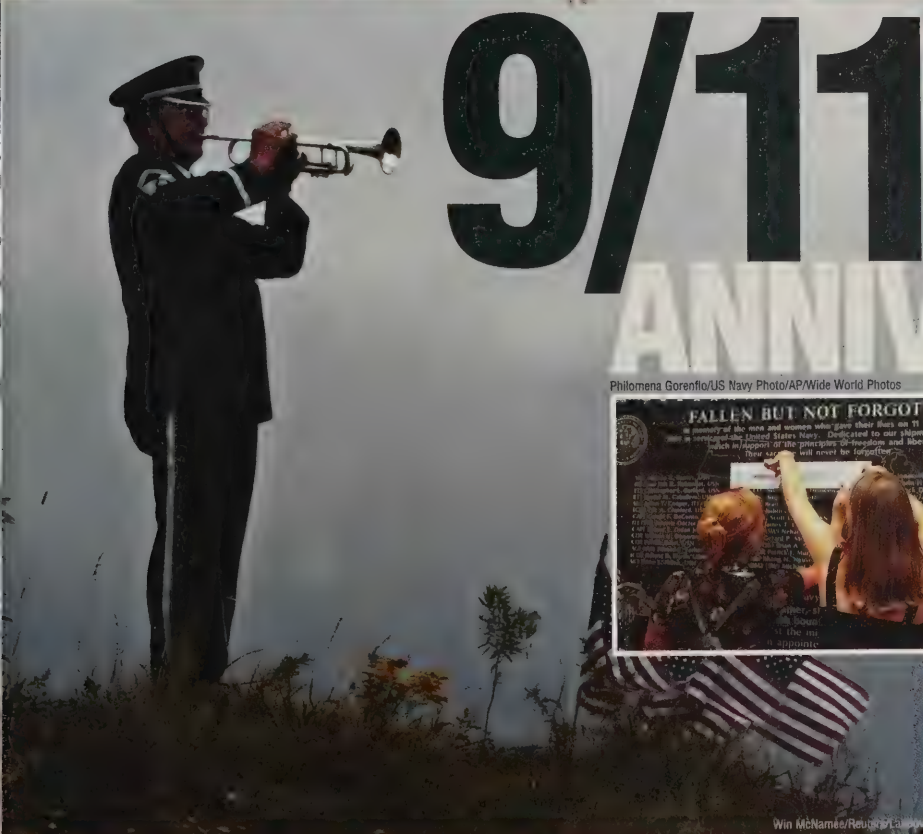
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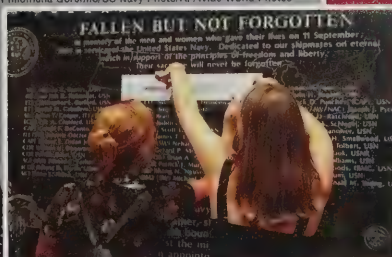
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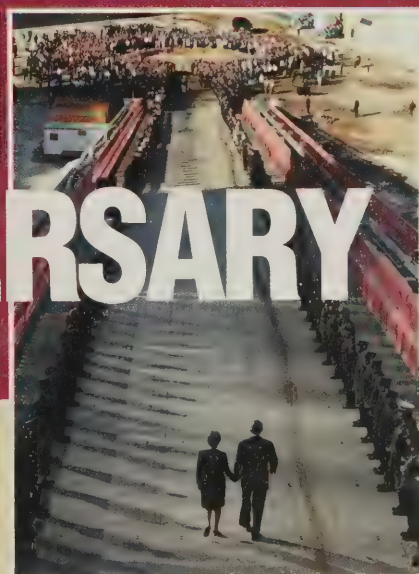
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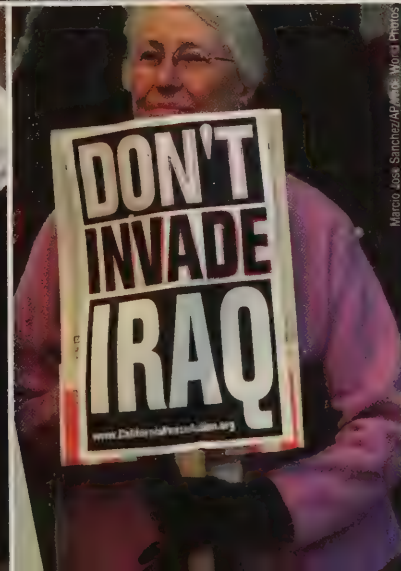
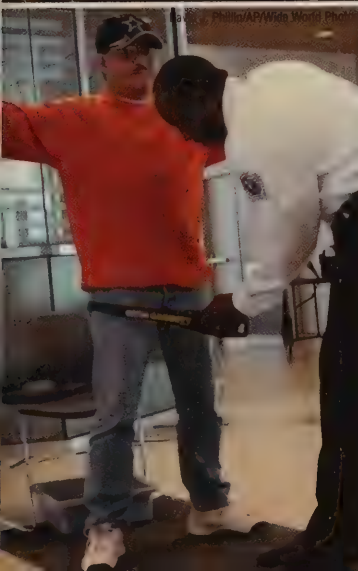


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✓ Throughout 2002, Americans search for ways to recover and rebuild from September 11. On the one-year anniversary, survivors, families and friends gather at all three sites to commemorate the lives lost.

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◀ Federal employees from the Transportation Security Administration begin screening all checked baggage and random passengers at airports.

◀ The possibility of the United States waging war against Iraq meets disapproval both at home and abroad.

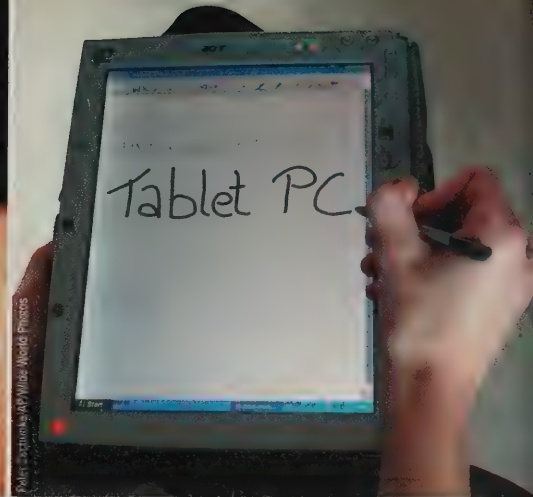
➤ The U.S. Senate passes a resolution condemning a Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in schools is unconstitutional.





Patients in Florida are the first to receive the VeriChip, a computer chip bearing personal medical data that is injected into the forearm.

Microsoft's Tablet PC enables users to write directly on the screen rather than typing on a keyboard.



## SCI-TECH

The *Journal of the American Medical Association* reports that children who grow up with pets have a reduced risk of developing common allergies.

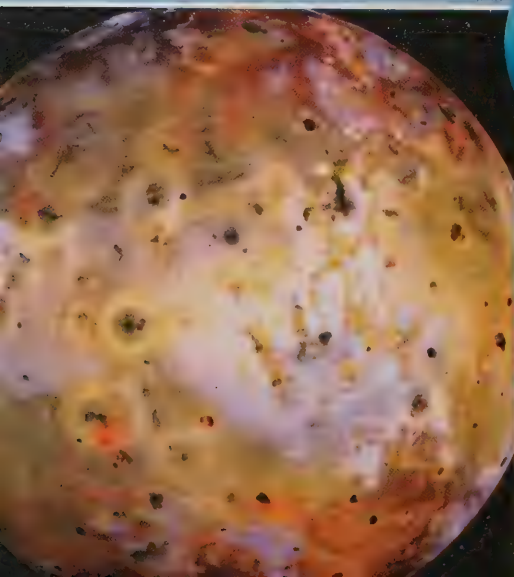


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Maria de Jesus and Maria Teresa Quiej-Alvarez, 1-year-old Guatemalan twins born joined at the head, are successfully separated after over 22 hours of surgery.

Just before burning up in Jupiter's atmosphere, the Galileo spacecraft captures the closest shots ever taken of Jupiter's moon Io.

NASA/AP/Wide World Photos



# ALLERGIES



Both Italian doctor Severino Antinori and Raelian scientists at Clonaid, who believe aliens created humans, claim to have produced the first cloned human. Neither claim is proven genetically.



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El Niño causes snow and ice storms up and down the East Coast, rainstorms in California and a devastating December tornado in Mississippi.

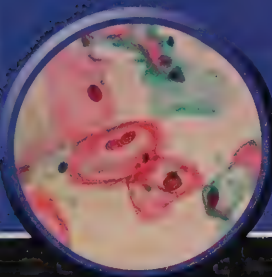


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A blanket of pollution over South Asia, dubbed the "Asian Brown Cloud," threatens the lives of millions worldwide with respiratory disease.



- Early tests indicate an experimental vaccine to be 100 percent effective against the human papilloma virus that causes cervical cancer.



- University of Arkansas researchers discover that microorganisms grow in conditions similar to those on Mars, suggesting the planet once hosted or currently hosts life.



- For \$300 to \$1,000 per injection, people craving eternal youth attend BOTOX parties to inject the FDA-approved paralytic toxin into their skin to relax their muscle tissue.



- General Motors introduces the Hy-wire — a car powered by hydrogen and oxygen that emits heat and water rather than harmful exhaust.

Bloomberg News/Landov



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- The nation's largest outbreak of the West Nile Virus hits in summer 2002. The disease is spread by migrating birds and transmitted by mosquitoes.

- The gun turret of the historic Civil War ironclad USS *Monitor* is raised from the floor of the Atlantic Ocean.



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Shaye Elzer/AP/Wide World Photos



- President Bush orders construction of a system that would defend the United States from ballistic missile attacks by 2004.

- The newly discovered hunger hormone ghrelin is found to play a role in obesity by regulating what you eat and how much weight you gain.

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➤ The U.S. Education Department reports that average geography scores of the nation's fourth and eighth graders, while low, have improved from 1994.

➤ Ellula introduces HotAir Speakers, a set of battery-powered, inflatable speakers that are small enough to fit in your pocket when deflated.

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## LIFESTYLE

➤ Nickelodeon's "SpongeBob Squarepants" ignites imaginations across the nation and appears on store shelves on everything from slippers to suspenders.

Matthew Staver/Bloomberg News/Landov



➤ McDonald's unveils new lower-fat french fries due to the new Healthy Eating Pyramid and in response to many former patrons suing for making them overweight.

✓ 1970s peasant shirts are alive and well on runways and in school halls.

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# SPONGE BOB SQUAREPANTS

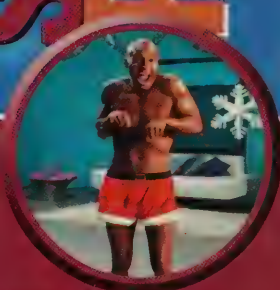


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➤ The Institute of Medicine announces that maintaining health now requires one hour of exercise daily, doubling the previous recommendation.



➤ Jewelry designers Le Ann Carlson and Denise Gaskill add style to safety with Lauren's Hope for a Cure medical ID bracelets.



Robert Corbino

➤ Kmart rejuvenates the Joe Boxer brand with ads featuring the dancing Joe Boxer guy, Vaughn Lowery.



- Everyone from hot young movie stars to aging rock stars sports the newest fashion trend, turquoise jewelry.

Theodore Wood/Camera Press/Retna



- The cola war puts new flavors to the test, including Dr. Pepper Red Fusion, Pepsi Blue and Vanilla Coke.



- Krispy Kreme lovers start a new tradition by celebrating their vows with doughnut wedding cakes.

Courtesy Krispy Kreme



- Several companies introduce flavored water enhanced with vitamins and other nutrients.



- European fashion hits the sidewalks and clubs of the United States with retro-style bowling shoes.

- Busy singles try out speed dating, which gives couples several minutes to talk one-on-one before moving to a new partner at the next table.

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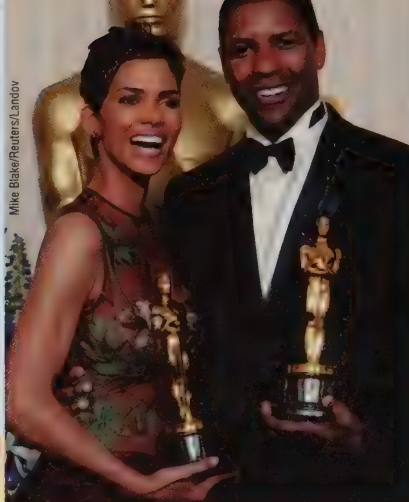
## SPEED DATING

- The Mohawk makes a hair-raising comeback after being donned by everyone from U.S. World Cup star Clint Mathis to actor Ryan Phillippe.
- Digital innovations include camera phones — cell phones that can transmit still and video images through mobile phone lines.



➤ At the 2002 Academy Awards, Halle Berry and Denzel Washington win Best Actress and Best Actor Oscars. Berry is the first female African-American to win the award.

➤ *Spider-Man*, starring Tobey Maguire and Kirsten Dunst, spins a \$114 million opening weekend box-office record.



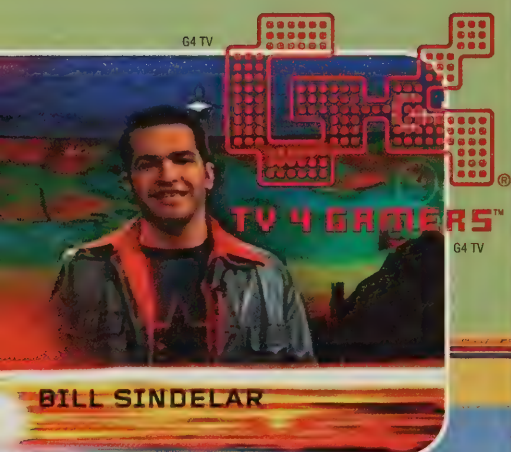
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## ENTERTAINMENT

➤ With over 6 million viewers, "The Osbournes" is the biggest hit in MTV's 21-year history.



G4 TV



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➤ Avid gamers tune in to G4, the first cable TV channel dedicated solely to video games.

➤ Viewers return week after week for a bit of innocent American nostalgia on NBC's hit drama "American Dreams."



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➤ Ron, Harry and Hermione are back to hitting the books and battling evil forces in *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*.

➤ "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" keep millions tuned in to ABC to see who will receive an on-air marriage proposal.

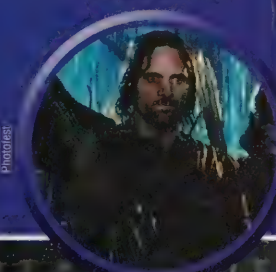
➤ PBS's "Sesame Street" introduces the Muppet Kami, an HIV-infected orphan, in an effort to educate young people worldwide about AIDS.



✓ Jennifer Aniston wins her first Emmy Award and a Golden Globe for her role as the new mother Rachel Green on NBC's popular comedy "Friends."

✓ Virtual unknowns Nia Vardalos and John Corbett steal America's hearts in the year's surprise smash hit *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*.

✓ Peter Jackson receives a Golden Globe Best Director nomination for *The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers*, the year's most anticipated sequel.



✓ Cynical Simon Cowell and company stir up big ratings for Fox's "American Idol" and big record sales for winner Kelly Clarkson, a waitress from Texas.



✓ After a two-year hiatus, Leonardo DiCaprio returns to the big screen with two holiday blockbusters, *Gangs of New York* and *Catch Me If You Can*.

✓ *Chicago*, a film adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, wins three Golden Globes, including Best Picture: Musical or Comedy, and receives 13 Oscar nominations.

# CHICAGO



✓ HBO Films' comedy *Real Women Have Curves* promotes positive self-image with the dazzling debut of Latin-American actress America Ferrera.

✓ CBS scores a ratings doubleheader with a pair of forensic investigation dramas, "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" and "CSI Miami."



➤ Newcomer Norah Jones takes home five Grammys, including Album of the Year, for *Come Away With Me*.

➤ Multi-talented Eminem raps up five Grammy nominations for *The Eminem Show* and big box-office success in *8 Mile*.

Robert Mora/Getty Images



## MUSIC

➤ Rocker Avril Lavigne and other "anti-Britneys," such as Vanessa Carlton and Michelle Branch, represent the new face of women in music.

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➤ Weezer teams up with the Muppets in the video for "Keep Fishin'," the second single from their hit album *Maladroit*.

➤ Pop takes a new direction when former boy band favorites Nick Carter and Justin Timberlake break out with solo albums and tours.



Larry Busacca/WireImage.com



J. Pat Carter/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ Spanish trio Las Ketchup lands a summer hit with the catchy "Asereje" aka "The Ketchup Song (Hey Hah)."



Houston J. Knapp/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ R&B newcomer Ashanti becomes the first artist since the Beatles to have three singles from a debut album in *Billboard's* Top 10 at the same time.



Chris Pizzello/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ In April 2002, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, 30, of R&B band TLC, dies in a car crash on a Honduran highway.



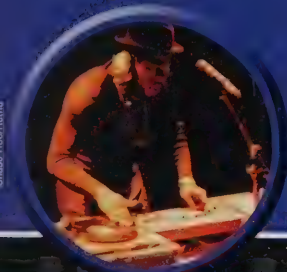
✓ In October, legendary hip-hop DJ Jam Master Jay of Run-DMC is shot and killed in a Queens, New York, music studio.

✓ After a six-year romance, No Doubt's Gwen Stefani marries Bush's Gavin Rossdale in September.

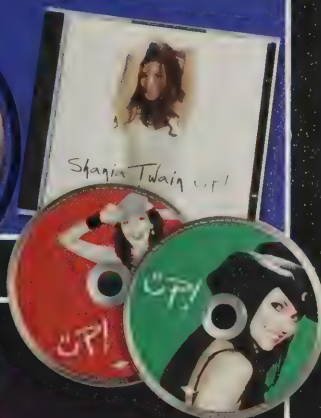
✓ Country crossover star Shania Twain hits No. 1 on the *Billboard* albums chart with *Up!*, a double CD with every song in both a pop and country version.

✓ Former Beatles rock legend Paul McCartney brings in \$2 million a night, for a total of \$103 million, on the year's top-grossing tour.

Chase Roudine



Thomas Rausch/WireImage.com



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✓ The Strokes, *Spin* magazine's 2002 Band of the Year, lead a resurgence of rock 'n' rollers, including The Hives and The Vines.

✓ Armed with a steady beat and punk-rock-blues riffs, The White Stripes' stripped-down rock shines on the highly acclaimed *White Blood Cells*.

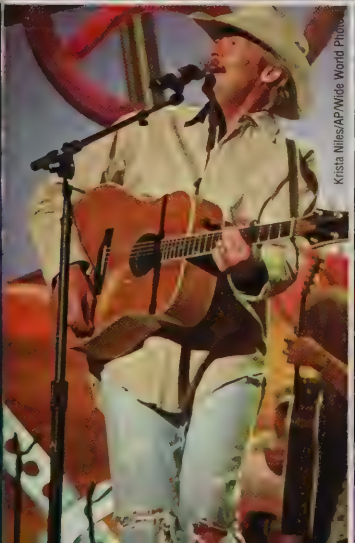
Alpha-Mark Allan/Globe Photos



✓ Alan Jackson's triple-platinum album *Drive* wins five Country Music Association Awards and is named the *USA Today* No. 1 country album of 2002.

✓ *Nirvana*, the famed grunge band's long-awaited greatest hits album, features "You Know You're Right," the last recording Kurt Cobain made before his 1994 suicide.

Krista Niles/AP/Wide World Photos





➤ Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith breaks Walter Payton's 16,727-yard mark to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

➤ The Detroit Red Wings capture the 2002 NHL Stanley Cup over the Cinderella Carolina Hurricanes. It's a record ninth cup for retiring coach Scotty Bowman.



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## SPORTS

➤ Serena and Venus Williams continue to dominate women's tennis, becoming the first sisters to be ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the world.

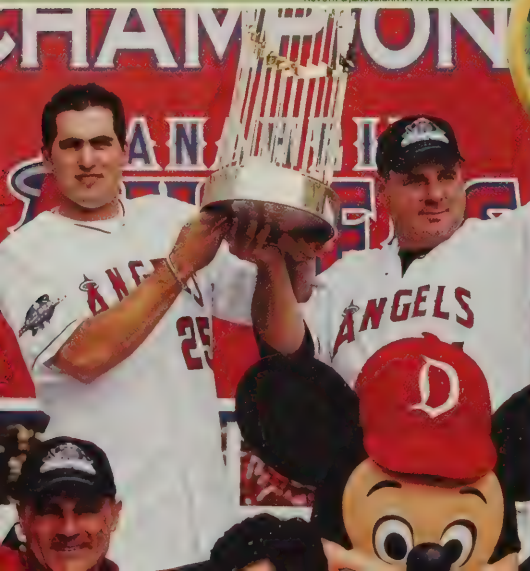
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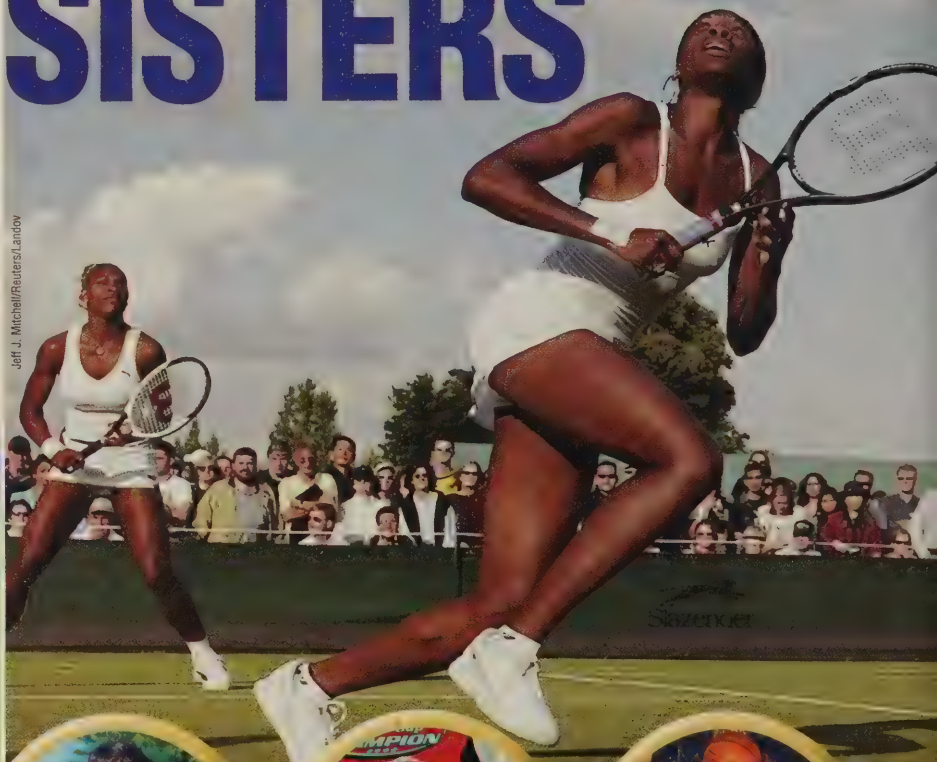
➤ The college football season is marred by violent confrontations involving fans, students and even coaches.

➤ MVP Troy Glaus leads the scrappy Anaheim Angels to the 2002 World Series win over Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants, four games to three.

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# SISTERS



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➤ Martha Burk of the National Council of Women's Organizations battles with Augusta National chairman William Johnson over the issue of female membership at the famous Georgia golf club.



Terry Renna/AP/Wide World Photos

➤ An 18th place finish in the NASCAR season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway is enough to earn Tony Stewart his first Winston Cup Series championship.



Chris Faytolt/The Star Ledger/Corbis-Sygma

➤ Despite an injured toe, Shaquille O'Neal powers the unstoppable Los Angeles Lakers to a third straight NBA championship title in May 2002.



- ✓ The U.S. men's soccer team advances to the World Cup quarterfinals for the first time, by defeating Mexico 2-0.

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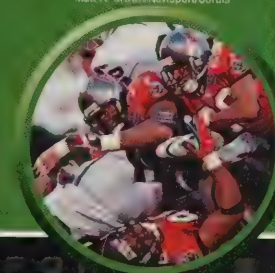
- ✓ The U.S. Postal Service team propels *Sports Illustrated* magazine's Sportsman of the Year Lance Armstrong to his fourth consecutive Tour de France victory.

Mike Powell/Getty Images



- ✓ The top-rated defense of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers shuts down the No. 1 offense of the Oakland Raiders to win Super Bowl XXXVII 48-21.

Matt A. Brown/Newsport/Corbis



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- ✓ LPGA pro Annika Sorenstam, after a record-setting 13-win 2002 season worldwide, accepts an invitation to play the Colonial tournament on the men's

2003 PGA Tour.



Steve DiPaola/Reuters/Landow

- ✓ The Ohio State Buckeyes beat the heavily favored Miami Hurricanes in double overtime to win the BCS National Championship. The 31-24 victory is the school's first national football title since 1968.

- ✓ The new sport of SlamBall takes basketball to the extreme on a specially designed court with four trampolines in front of each hoop.



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# EXTREME

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- ✓ Skateboarding reaches new popularity heights thanks to the high visibility of the X Games and the "Tony Hawk's Pro Skater" video game series.

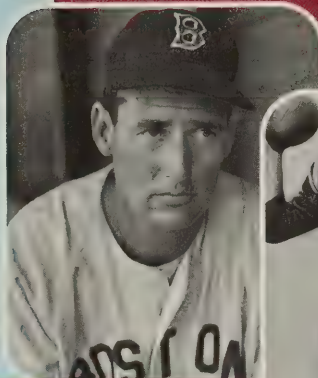
- ✓ Surfing welcomes a tidal wave of women to the sport after receiving a Hollywood endorsement in the popular summer flick *Blue Crush*.

# SPORTS

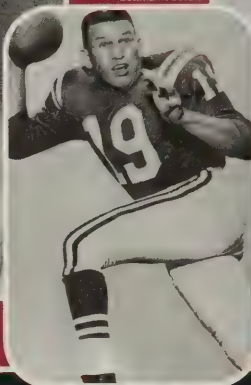


The sports world loses two legends—baseball's "Splendid Splinter" Ted Williams and Johnny Unitas, one of football's greatest quarterbacks.

Zacarias Moussaoui, widely believed to be the 20th hijacker, goes on trial for his involvement in the September 11 terrorist attacks.



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## FACES

Martha Stewart faces charges of illegal stock trading after former Imclone president Sam Waksal allegedly tips her off regarding the company's demise.

Russell Boyce/Reuters/Landov



In show business since they were 9 months old, Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, 16, have amassed a \$76 million fortune through their Dualstar Entertainment Group.

Veteran actor Richard Harris, known for his role as Hogwarts wise headmaster Albus Dumbledore, dies of Hodgkin's disease at age 72.

Photofest



Courtesy Jim Johnson/Herald-Dispatch

Mentally challenged Ohio high school senior Jake Porter—who suited up for every practice and game for four years but never played—scores his first touchdown.



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California's Linda and Loretta Sanchez make history as the first sisters ever elected to Congress.



Rick Bloom/Saba/Corbis

Mississippi Senator Trent Lott is widely criticized for apparent racist remarks he made at Senator Strom Thurmond's 100th birthday party. In December, Lott resigns as majority leader.







*I leave you love. I leave you hope.  
I leave you the challenge of developing confidence in one another.  
I leave you respect for the use of power.  
I leave you faith. I leave you racial dignity.*

*Mary McCleod Bethune*

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# CONGRATULATIONS, AILEEN MACH



*Aileen, you should always know that your family is so very proud of you.*

*No matter where you go in life, no matter what you decide to do, remember that you have the Greater One watching over you. He's not too far, He never sleeps, and He never makes a promise that He doesn't intend to keep. So if you wish to succeed, practice bending your knees. A word of prayer will always get you there. You only have one today, make the most of it. "Keep up the good work. It's all good."*



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"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others; to leave the world a little better; whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is the meaning of success."

*-Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**The central task of education is to implant a will and facility for learning; it should produce not learned but learning people. The truly human society is a learning society, where grandparents, parents, and children are students together.**

Eric Hoffer



# Congratulations, Tarazi



You have accomplished a lot thus far. Over the years we have watched you mature from a little baby to a charming young man. Life will only get harder as time goes on, so be prepared! We have faith that you will be able to overcome all obstacles down the road because you have already showed us your strength. Congratulations on completing this important point in your life. We hope that this will not be the end of your success, but only the BEGINNING.

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Essie Howell  
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Tamesha Howell  
Eddie & Rachel Simmons

Darry Simmons  
Barbra Bethea  
Mattie Nannola  
Patricia Howell  
And the Rest of the Family





# Congratulations, Tarae



We are extremely proud of the accomplishments that you have made thus far. Continue to do well and make us proud.

Your Family,  
The Thompsons



Congratulations Tarae!

You have worked so hard over the years and you deserve only the best! Keep your head up Ray-Ray.

Tanya



To: Tarae Howell

Congratulations on your graduation. Keep aiming for what you set out to do in life. With a strong mind, strength and determination you can achieve anything. No matter what, let nothing deter you from your dreams.

Sincerely, Tay

Good Luck, TARAE

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# *Congratulations, Nicole Finnie*

*May you continue to be a shining star. And let  
the stardust bring you the gifts of love, happiness  
and knowledge.*



*Your Loving Family*







*Congratulations*

*Jennifer Mine*

I am so very proud of you. You have truly grown into a bright, beautiful, and intelligent young lady. May

God continue to guide you in the right direction, and may you always follow your dreams and never give up. You have been a true blessing to me from the moment you came into this world and I am proud that you are my daughter and my best friend. I wish you all the success and happiness that life has to offer. Stay the sweet, determined and giving person that you are, and always stay true to yourself. I love you and will always be there for you.

You are the light of my life,

*Mommy*



Congratulations, Jennifer  
on your graduation!



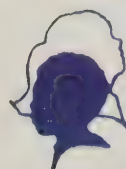
From the sisters of Swing Phi  
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Congratulations Jennifer



You have really grown into a beautiful and intelligent young lady. Good luck in college and may your life be as exciting as you are beautiful.

Best of Luck  
James J. Wasserman.



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Star,

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Remember - hard work gets good results and hard is essential. I know

I have said and done things that you disagree with, but by no means did I ever mean to hurt you. I only wanted you to be strong. Star, you are a beautiful, shining star. Don't ever let

anyone dim your light. Keep yearning, keep trying, keep smiling. And keep remembering that a parent's love goes with

you everywhere you go. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Congratulations to the graduates of 2003.

Much love,

Your Mommy Alice

PS: Don't stay up past midnight.

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May you continue to grow in strength and wisdom as you pursue your educational goals in a positive and inspirational way.

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Raising a daughter and growing a garden, both require lots of love and nurturing. But there comes a time when one must simply let go and have faith. Later, when you are surrounded by beautiful flowers and discover that the child you raised has blossomed into a wonderful young woman, all there is to do is be grateful, blessed in the moment and rejoice in the miracle of life that God has given you.

Kenya, your talents, gifts and accomplishments have made me as proud as I can be. I am sure your father is smiling at you from heaven. We have warm pride for all these things and bright hope for all the dreams you hold in your heart.

We Love You,

Mommy, StepDad and Baby Brother Miles



Dear Kenya,

We have watched you grow into a beautiful young lady. Now that you are about to take your first Giant step, we wish you the best. May the road you travel be filled with love and joy. Always be honest and sincere, have faith and study hard. Reach for the goals you have set for yourself. The road ahead will not be an easy one, but trust in God and you will be blessed. May the entire Class of 2003 bring about positive changes in today's world. Thank you for asking us to share in your senior class yearbook. We love you, and we pray for your success.

Your Grandparents, Grandpa & Grammie





# CONGRATULATIONS, YVONNE

LITTLE ONE,  
REMEMBER YOU ARE  
OUR HEART AND SOUL,  
KEEP REACHING FOR  
THE STARS AND LET ALL  
YOUR DREAMS COME  
TRUE.

YOUR LOVING FAMILY





# NADIRAH AMINAH ZAYN ASHRAF

Nadirah,

As you go through this life;  
Embrace and perservere in the bounty of Allah  
Remember to:

"Do what you say, say what you mean, and be  
what you seem. Do not pretend to be what you  
are not, nor let other people define who and  
what you are."

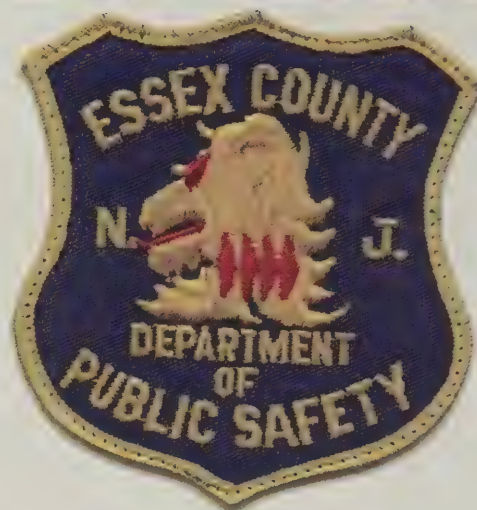
"Above all, to thine ownself be true."

Allah Loves you, and so do I . . .

Always,  
Gammi



Nadirah Aminah Zayn  
Congratulations and Best  
Wishes  
Love,  
Sabina and the Children of  
the Corn  
(Shaquanna, Q. and Anijah)



Nadirah Aminah Zayn

This wish comes from all of us to you  
For a successful future in whatever you do.  
You go girl!  
Essex County Department of Public Safety.



Nadirah (Na) Ashraf

"My Whoodie," A beautiful, intelligent, sweet young  
lady with a great personality. Kirah and I want to  
congratulate you on your high school graduation. We  
know you can accomplish anything you set out to do  
in life. We also want to thank you for being a big  
sister to Kirah.

Nadirah, you will always be a winner in our eyes.

Love Always,  
Kevin and Kirah  
Your Whoodie 4 Life



Nadirah Aminah Zayn  
Congratulations "Ms.  
Freshy"!

I hope your high school  
years were memorable ones.

I know the man above will  
continue to walk with you in your  
next challenge in your life. Remember to walk by  
faith and stay focused. Just how God, Allah, has  
made your adolescent years challenging but smooth  
sailing, He will also make your adult years the same.  
Follow only his direction. Whatever you may  
endure, I know you will achieve. Strive and accept  
nothing but the best of everything. You are blessed  
to be among a generation of strong Black women,  
family and friends.

Love Ya,  
Dre and Sonya



# To Our Shining Star, Shayna Jones

I am proud of you, baby girl.  
Mommy

I have watched you grow into a mature and magnificent young lady who continues to surprise me with your determination and strong spirit. Keep up the good work because it will all pay off in your near future.  
Teresa Edwards

Stay focused. Keep that wonderful personality and Always Get Paid.123  
Always,  
Cash

Much love and success to our sweetheart. You are intelligent, beautiful, generous and caring. We will always love you. We are blessed to have an angel like you in our lives.  
Your Family and Friends



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I love you, Mommy  
Mom



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CONGRATULATIONS EKA  
WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH  
EUGENE AND HATANA



Keila,  
We wish you all  
the best in the  
future. You have  
really matured  
these last two  
years.  
Good Luck, Sham

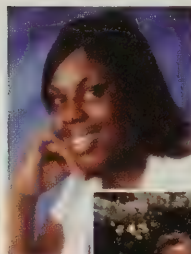
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Never settle for mediocrity in  
anything that you do. Be presistent  
in everything that you stive to  
accomplish. Remember that  
lifelong education is the key to  
wisdom and achieving your  
dreams. We are all proud of your  
accomplishments!



Love,  
Your Family and Friends

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UHS ATHLETES  
IN THE  
CLASS OF 2003



"Beyond talent lie all the usual words:  
discipline, love, luck - but most of all,  
endurance."

- James Baldwin

Fondly,  
Sandra Hewett, Mr. Dillard and all  
the UHS coaches



"Learning is a treasure  
which accompanies its  
owner everywhere."

Congratulations  
Students of University H.S.  
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# Congratulations, Erricka



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ANointed



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from Pastor Savage and the  
New Eden Baptist Church and Family

From your friends at  
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Congratulations  
and Best Wishes for a  
happy, peaceful and  
prosperous future.  
The UHS FAMILY







### Kenya Anne Ammons

Your first tooth, untied shoelaces, falling from your bike, kindergarten mornings and Easter baskets. From the time you were born, you have been precious to me and have brought me such joy as a mother. And just as importantly, the bond that is between us has always meant so much to me. Memories of those days and more have led us to this first big step. Congratulations

Daughter! I love you and I am very proud of you.

Love,  
Mommy



### Keila Catching

You have worked very hard and have been conscientious. We are proud of your achievements. My prayer is that you will have a successful balanced life as you move into adulthood.

Love,  
Mom



### Nadirah Aminah Zayn

My very own, my pride and joy, my everything. Words alone can not express the heartfelt love I have for you. It has always been you and I against the world, and through it all you have been my strength, you have blossomed into a beautiful intelligent, respectable, responsible young lady. Your zest and enthusiasm in everything you do will make you an asset in life.

Nadirah, as you set out on your journey through life you must use your founda-

tion of strong values, principles, morals and God's blessings to be all you can be. My love, always remember "the will of God will never lead you, where the grace of God can not keep you." I will always be here for you.

Love always, Mommy



### Keila Catching

Congratulations to Keila "Kiki" Catching I am so proud of you.

Love  
Grandmother Mary



### Naiya Atkins

A picture is worth a thousand words frozen in time forever. As parents, we always wish that our offsprings do something of the things we wished we could. I am proud to be your Dad. I've watched you become a beautiful young lady who I know will succeed at her dreams. So God willing, I will take another picture of you in your cap and gown. A picture is worth a thousand words. Thank

you my first born for making me a proud Papa.  
God Bless



### Starkeia Milton

As you move on to new adventures I'll be there to support you and believe in you. I'm so proud of all that you've accomplished. I couldn't get you to smile in this picture, but now all you do is smile. Never stop cause it looks so good on your face. You are truly blessed and I know I will be here to read your first book.  
I Love You.

Your Mother  
Alice, AKA Baby Ali





Samantha Pinton

Dear Samantha,  
Congratulations! We are very proud of you. Do your best in college and remember to trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all of your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path.

We love you,  
Mommy, George & Victoria



Dana Knowles

Congratulations! I am so proud of you for making it this far. I have watched you grow from a cute little baby, into a beautiful young woman with a successful future ahead of her. I know that you will excel at whatever you decide to do in life. You know that I will be behind you all the way. Always remember to keep your head up, no matter what. Your Mom truly would have been proud of you.

Best wishes and lots of love,  
Your Cousin Kecia



Tarae Howell

Moving from diapers to diplomas, you have made us all very proud. From being the first precious baby boy born into the family, to being a successful young man, we can truly say that you are our pride and joy. Congratulations on your accomplishments thus far, and we wish you much success.

Love,  
Your Grandmother and Mother



Jennifer Mine

Dear Jennifer,  
Good luck in all your ventures. May you always have enough success to keep you eager, and enough hope to keep you happy. I'm very proud of you, and love you very much.

Uncle Bob



Shayna Jones

Congratulations,  
I am so very proud of you. Words can't explain how Lucky I am to have a baby girl like you. You are one of a kind and I love you.

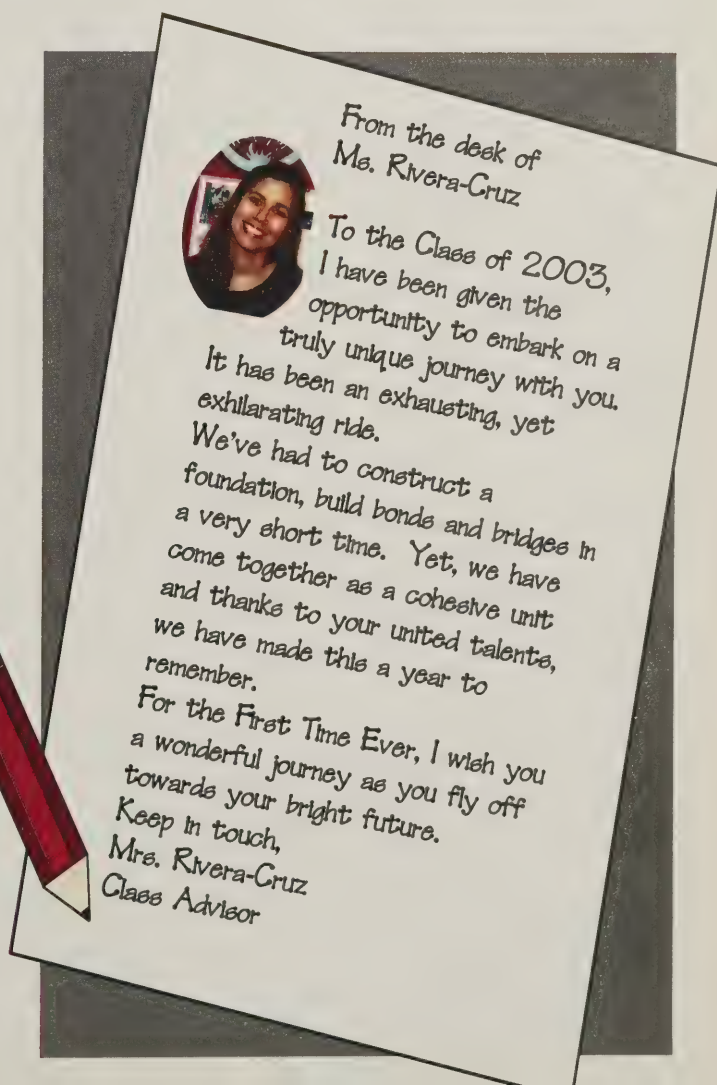
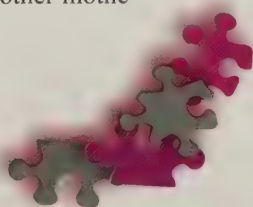
Love,  
Mommy



Shayna Jones

You are very sweet and generous. I consider you the other daughter that I never had. You are very eclectic, comedic and intelligent. Best Wishes and Much Success, Shay-Shay.

Love,  
Kirah, your other mother





*Congratulations and Best Wishes  
To Tiffany S. Allison*

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Vance Jordan  
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Yasmeen Whitehead  
Pookie  
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